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THE LATEST NEWS.

Condensed Telegrams from All Quarters.

—The outstanding legal tenders yesterday amounted to $382,000,000.

—James B. Groome was inaugurated Governor of Maryland on Wednesday.

—Full time has been resumed in the Union Pacific Railroad shops in Omaha.

—The steamer Constitution sailed from San Francisco for Panama on Wednesday.

—The Omaha Library Association have voted to keep open on Sunday, from two to six P. M.

—The employes at the Willow Spring (Neb.) distillery have had their wages raised 50 per cent.

—A call has been issued for an independent State Convention to meet at Salem, Oregon, on April 15th.

—The Erie Railway officials in New York state that all difficulties between that company and its employes have been adjusted.

—The California Senatorial election bribery matter is still under investigation at Sacramento, but no new facts have been elicited.

—The Missouri State Dental Association and the Mississippi Valley Dental Association met in joint session in St. Louis on Wednesday.

—The British steamer City of Melbourne will sail from San Francisco for Australia to-night. Madame Anna Bishop is one of the passengers.

—The Indian appropriation bill, reported to the House of Representatives on Wednesday, appropriates $4,931,779, against $5,541,419 last year.

—It is stated that work on the Colorado Central Railroad will be resumed soon, and be pushed to completion. This will give Omaha direct communication with Colorado.

—French brig Sidi, from San Francisco in ballast for Portland, went ashore on Wednesday near the mouth of the Columbia river. She will prove a total loss. All hands were saved.

—The bark Chris Mitchell, from San Francisco to Port Madison, Washington Territory, went ashore last Tuesday night on Dunginess Spit. She is a total loss. Three of the crew were drowned.

—The House Committee on Commerce has agreed to report the bill giving to the Secretary of War control of the mouth of the Mississippi river while certain improvements now in progress are prosecuted.

—The House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds has appointed a sub-committee, with Mr. Killinger as Chairman, to proceed to New York to inquire into the eight hour question as raised by Government employes in that city.

—Mrs. Myra Clarke Gaines has entered a suit against Caleb Cushing, claiming two hundred thousand dollars for libel, in this "That in one of the recent bills filed by Cushing he charges her with making a wanton and grossly malicious accusation of himself."

—Rev. N. Balkam, D. D., of Lewiston, Me., while riding on Wednesday morning, was thrown from his horse and killed. He was for many years pastor of a church in that city, and at the time of his death was Professor of Logic and Christian Evidences in Bates College.

—The President has appointed the following Government Directors of the Union Pacific Railroad: James F. Wilson, of Iowa; J. H. Millard, of Nebraska; John C. S. Harrison, of Indiana; John A. Tibbetts, of Connecticut, and Francis B. Brewer, of New York, all for one year from March 11th, 1874.

—The House Committee on Commerce has agreed to report favorably on the bill authorizing the Secretary of War to detail a competent officer of the army to inquire into the subject of epidemic diseases, and to report what means should be taken to prevent the importation of contagion of any kind.

—In the Washington Police Court, on Wednesday, the case of the United States vs. Charles Peelham, Representative in Congress from Alabama, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill Richard G. Busteed, nephew of Judge Busteed, was called. Saturday next was fixed as the time of the hearing, Peelham being held in $50,000 bail.

—The freight agents of the Union Pacific, and Central Pacific Roads, and of the Chicago roads, have finally agreed on a basis for transporting freights, the charges for freight to San Francisco being divided among the companies in proportion to the length of the line. The new tariff rates between Chicago and San Francisco are much lower than the previous schedules, as the combination state that they are determined, if possible, to get the business of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

—According to the report of Sidney D. Maxwell, Superintendent of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, the average gross weight of hogs packed in Cincinnati this winter was 280⅝ pounds, a decrease compared with last winter of 24 14-100 pounds; average yield of lard of all kinds per head, 39 7-10 pounds, a decrease of 5 97-100 pounds; total production of mess pork, 27,000 barrels, compared with 33,000 last winter; total production of lard, 23,000,000 pounds, compared with 28,600,000 last winter.

—Worcester, Mass., after a two days' session, decided to abandon Dio Lewis' plan of operation against liquor dealers, and has adopted a new and entirely original plan. A large committee was organized, and in sub-committees of two or three it is proposed to first visit the owners of buildings occupied by liquor dealers, and by prayer and intercession induce them to sign a builders' pledge not to let their premises to any for the sale of liquor. They will also visit dealers at their homes. The movement is to be private, and no street work will be done.

—At Yankton, D. T., in the District Court on Wednesday morning, the case of P. F. Wintermute, indicted for the murder of General McCook, was called on the motion of the Prosecuting Attorney for a *nolle prosequi*, which was granted by his honor, Judge Shannon, on the ground that the action of a former grand jury was illegal, and that the defendant was not present at the time of challenging the jury. The defendant was remanded into the hands of the Sheriff, but by consent of the counsel for the prosecution was admitted to bail in the sum of thirty five thousand dollars to await the action of the next grand jury.

FOREIGN.

—Forbes Winslow, a well known British medical writer, is dead.

—The report that the Count de Chambord is seriously ill is not true. He is in Vienna and in perfect health.

—Prayers were said in the churches of Great Britain on Wednesday for the safety of the Ashantee expedition.

—It has been finally settled that Brand, Speaker of the British House of Commons, shall be re-elected unanimously in the new House.

—Havana telegrams report the killing of ex-President Cespedes by San Quentin's Battalion and the burial of the body in Santiago de Cuba.

—United States Minister Bancroft gave a grand banquet at Berlin on Wednesday in celebration of the anniversary of President Grant's inauguration.

—Preparations are being made for a monster demonstration in Hyde Park, London, on March 15th, in favor of amnesty to the incarcerated Fenians.

—The French Academy has postponed the contemplated reception to Emil Olivier, because he persists in retaining in his inaugural address a eulogy of Emperor Louis Napoleon.

—Intelligence has reached the Department of State that on the 16th inst. the act of the Canadian Parliament will come into operation prohibiting the transportation of goods and passengers by water from one port in Canada to another except in British ships, imposing heavy penalties if any goods or passengers are carried contrary to the provisions of the act.

FIRES.

—A fire in the Eastern Railroad freight sheds in East Boston, on Wednesday, destroyed property valued at $120,000. A train of twenty loaded freight cars was burned. The fire was caused by the breaking of a carboy of vitriol.

—The house of a colored man named Lears, living nine miles from Indianapolis, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday. Two children, respectively three and four years old, were burned to death. The parents were temporarily absent, and left the children alone, with the doors locked. It is supposed the children were playing with fire, which was communicated to the bed, resulting in the terrible calamity.

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FIRST SESSION.

Speech by Senator Carpenter in Favor of a New Election in Louisiana.

The Bill to Regulate Inter-State Commerce Discussed in the House.

WASHINGTON, March 4, 1874.

SENATE.

Resolutions, Bills, etc.

The Chair laid before the Senate the proceedings of the joint session of the Wisconsin Legislature, asking Congress to provide for the construction of a ship canal around Niagara Falls. Referred.

A number of bills for the relief of various persons were reported from the Committee on Claims, and placed on the calender.

Mr. HARVEY presented a resolution from the Kansas Legislature, asking Congress to take immediate steps for the relief of certain homestead settlers in that State, whose rights are jeopardized by railroad companies. Referred.

Mr. RAMSEY submitted a resolution instructing the Committee on Transportation Routes to the Seaboard to consider and report upon the expediency of improving the water routes and railway communication from the Mississippi valley to the seaboard, and to regulate commerce among the States by cheapening transportation between the East and West, and by favoring a double track freight railroad from the Mississippi river to the ocean at the low maximum rate of six mills per ton per mile. The resolution was laid over.

The Liquor Traffic.

The Senate discussed the liquor traffic bill until the expiration of the morning hour, an amendment having been offered by Mr. RAMSEY providing that all of the commissioners to make inquiry should not be in favor of prohibitory legislation or total abstinence.

At the expiration of the morning hour the bill was laid over.

The District Investigation.

Mr. THURMAN offered a resolution that the Joint Select Committee appointed to investigate the management of the affairs of the District of Columbia have permission to sit during the session of the Senate. Agreed to.

Indian Depredation Claims.

Mr. MORRILL (Maine), from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported adversely on the claims of citizens of Kansas for losses by Indian depredations, as set forth in the report of a Commission created by the Kansas Legislature in 1871.

Louisiana Affairs.

At the expiration of the morning hour, Mr. CARPENTER moved that all pending orders be laid aside, that he might address the Senate on the Louisiana bill introduced by him.

Mr. CAMERON wished to have the Senate take up and finish the Centennial bill.

The motion of Mr. Carpenter was agreed to, and he proceeded to address the Senate.

After reviewing the election returns, Mr. CARPENTER said: How would Congress look before the country after deciding that the election was void as to Presidential electors, but legal as to State officials? The Senator from Indiana (Morton) had led the Senate through the first phase, and now seeks to lead it in a counter-movement. The Supreme Court of Louisiana was part of the State Government, and when Congress was to inquire whether the Government of that State was Republican or not, the Supreme Court could no more settle it than the Legislature could. That power was vested exclusively in Congress. Again, the question was not a judicial one at all, but a political one, and must be determined by the political department of the Government. The Supreme Court of the United States itself could not settle it, and the decision of the Supreme Court of Louisiana was not entitled to a moment's consideration. The Court had never attempted to decide the question directly, but all it did say in effect was that the Lynch board was "the legal board. It never said whether that board acted honestly or corruptly. Under the Constitution the President cannot of his own volition, and without a proper record from the State, determine that an insurrection exists in a State, and proceed to put it down. A Court of Justice could not decide a case between a Senator and himself of two hundred dollars without a record. Why? Because it was a court of record, and had a seal, and certainly the United States was a court of record. The mere cry by telegraph to the President, "Come and help us," was not sufficient for his interference. He (Carpenter) believed that if the Federal troops were withdrawn from Louisiana Kellogg's Government would not stand. There were two questions involved as to the passage of this bill: *First*, have we power to pass it; *second*, the expediency of passing it. The Constitution provides that each State shall have a republican form of government, and one of the first requisites of a republican form of government is that its officers shall be filled by persons elected by the people. He asked every Senator within the hearing of Congress that not the power was with the people of that State what they had been cheated out of, namely, the right to elect their own officers. Should our Government be overthrown, it would be by these steady encroachments. Congress should see at all times that each State had a republican form of government, and any Senator declaring that Congress had not the power to interfere now would declare to Kellogg and his followers: "You can repeat this thing in 1876 and in 1880, and in 1884. Congress has no power to set it right." If Congress had no authority to interfere, then the McEnery Government could set Kellogg up also by force. Violence was as good a title as fraud, and a little more manly. When a man skulks beneath the veiled robes of a Federal Judge he has not the manliness of one who goes out with a sword in hand to sustain his position. There was no question in his mind as to the power of Congress. Take up the Constitution of any State, and declare whether or not it was republican in form. The power of Congress was supreme. He believed the Kellogg Government would set itself

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THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1874.

BONDS at Frankfort 98⅛.

PETROLEUM at Antwerp 31½f.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 112.

THE bondsmen of the Woodhulls have abandoned them, and they are now in the hands of the law. Their trial is proceeding, with a prospect that they will be convicted.

GENERAL BUTLER treats the commotion in Massachusetts over Simmons' appointment in a humorous way. He thinks it may produce a "splinter" but not a split. The "splinter," we suppose, is a reference to one or more of his particular enemies.

THE singular statement comes from New York that bonded warehouses are being closed, because of a lack of business. The falling off in imports since the panic in September last is credited with the trouble that has befallen the bonded warehousemen. They have petitioned the Secretary of the Treasury, it is declared, to be relieved of their obligations to the Government. We had thought that since the first of January there was an increase in the bulk of transportations sufficient to meet the demands of the people.

THE proposition to expunge the international feature of the Centennial Exposition seems to have some strength in Congress. It really represents Mr. Sumner's war against the administration. Mr. Fish, very very foolishly and unfortunately, has practically invited foreign powers to participate. Yet all this establishes no good reason why the Exposition should not have an international feature. It will cost no more, and will not lessen the national aspect or importance of it to put it in a form that will admit of invitations being extended to foreign powers.

THE ladies in New York seem to prefer moral suasion, pure and simple, to the prayer test in front of the groggeries. We commend their views. They propose to circulate temperance literature, and seek to persuade the people to forgo the use of liquors. We doubt if a stereotyped form of procedure is best,—but in every city it can be determined just what is best for that particular city. We have no doubt that the energetic and novel movements at the West did good there, but now that the freshness of novelty is gone, it does not follow that it will work equally well everywhere.

THE bill pending in the Legislature to regulate the collection of taxes in this and other counties, known as "House bill No. 48," deserves to be defeated, if for no other reason than that it will do no good, while it will almost certainly do harm. The bill involves a number of utterly impracticable requirements, is crude, ill-digested, contradictory, and, in at least one particular, unconstitutional. Section nine allows the County Treasurer to be paid not exceeding two per cent. on all taxes collected, while the Constitution requires, in counties having more than one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants, the county officers to be paid by salaries, and not by fees. We hope the bill will be killed forthwith.

THE WASHINGTON correspondent of the New York *Herald* states that Mr. Haines, who was appointed Commissioner of Customs from this city, was requested to resign, by Secretary Richardson, at the request of Senator Scott, in order that he may fill the place with some one who will be more serviceable in securing his re-election to the Senate. It is also affirmed that he controls to this end the offices of Register of the Treasury, First Auditor, and Commissioner of Internal Revenue. Hon. John Allison is Register of the Treasury, and we know him to be in every sense an excellent official, who has filled the responsible position he holds for a number of years. If he is displaced for the purpose mentioned Senator Scott will find all Western Pennsylvania against him.

TAXING COAL.

The bill pending in the Legislature providing a tax on mined coal and on corporations is being bitterly opposed at the Eastern end of the State. The argument used is that last year there was an average balance in the Treasury of over a million of dollars, and hence there should be no taxation in the direction named. If the reports from the several fiscal departments of the State, and the statements of the Governor are to be accepted, there will be a very decided need for additional taxation. Rather, the tax laws are being revised to make them harmonize with the requirements of the new Constitution. It is as though an entirely new set of laws was being framed, and the question at issue is—"what shall be subjected to taxation?" The pending bill proposes that mined coal and corporations shall be included.

The Auditor General's report shows that the most profitable corporations in the country are those that deal in coal. The railroads that make the carrying of coal their chief business show dividends that reach from ten to sixteen per cent But these are not so prosperous as coal companies. The dividends they are able to declare are not known,—but the stock of good companies is not on the market, except at extravagant rates. Nor can it be said that the taxes will be extorted from the people by extra charges. To a large extent, the coal trade of the country, so far as these corporations are concerned, is managed in a gambling manner,—and there would be no change, whatever the tax that might be imposed. Monthly auction sales are made to regulate the price for that month; but these sales are so completely under the control of the operators that prices are advanced or retarded, —as the market will bear. All that can be had is now realized from the market,—and a tax would add nothing, while it would lighten, by just that much, the taxes of the poor.

In several ways, it is known, the expenses of the State Government will be increased. Whether enough will be saved in some directions to equalize the increase in others, remains to be seen. The State Treasurer fears that the increase will not, in the current year, enable him to meet expenses, and set apart for the Sinking Fund the amount required by law. Hence a revision of the tax list would be necessary on this account, if no other. But under the new Constitution the tax list must be revised, in order to provide an equality of taxation, on the same class of subjects. At such a time it is very proper that those enormously profitable corporations, whose operations have been an abuse, should be looked after, and obliged to turn a moiety of their immense profits into the State Treasury. Of course they will resist—and equally of course this resistance is shameless and indecent. There should be no hesitancy on their part in turning a portion of their surplus profits into the Treasury of the State that has given them such a valuable franchise. At all events, whether they like or dislike it, we hope the Legislature will firmly adhere to the purpose of taxing these corporations. Whether it is best to lay the tax on the coal mined, or on the capital of the corporations, or both, we profess no clear judgment.

THE STATE CHARITIES.

We notice in the Harrisburg *Telegraph* an attack on the State Board of Charities, in which it is charged with non-attention to duty, and extravagance. Of the merits of the case as presented we do not assume to judge; but hope that whatever defects there may be in the Board as constituted, there will be no hesitancy on the part of the Legislature to properly provide for the charities. If the Board is negligent, or extravagant, or in any way out of order, let it be investigated, and the wrongs remedied. But whatever changes may be necessary to properly constitute the Board of Charities, it should be remembered that the benficence due those who are subjects of State bounty, should not be impaired. It is not the fault of those who, in one form or other, have become dependent on State aid, that the Board of Charities is not as vigorous in the performance of its duty as it should be.

We readily admit that great circumspection ought to be observed in assigning public money to public enterprises. But there is a point beyond which reasonable circumspection cannot go without becoming coldly technical. Every hospital and corrective institution should be put in the most effective order. If there is an hospital unfinished the sum required to enlarge its capacity should be appropriated without factious delay. Where any great State charity languishes, action should be at once taken to revive it. If there is not room enough for the helpless, new hospitals should be projected. The location should depend upon the necessity for accommodation. Let it not be said of this Commonwealth that it grudges care for its poor and unfortunate. It has done well, but it can afford to do better. The State is rich and prosperous, and in its prosperity it must not by negligence or false economy, add another burden to the already heavily-burdened afflicted.

The obligation to protect the weak and dependent is one thing, and that of properly regulating and controlling the Board through which charities may be dispensed is another, and very different thing. We are confident that whatever evils there may possibly be in the Board will be weeded out, and the care of the charities remitted to those who are in every way worthy of the trust. We think there is no State in the Union possessed of a better record than is ours, in this direction. In its care for orphans of soldiers, and, if we may class it in this relation, the schools and colleges of the State have been liberally,—even munificently sustained. Under the new Constitution institutions that are not eleemosynary in their character, and under the direct control of the State are lopped off from the list, but for the public schools the Constitution requires a liberal appropriation. The spirit of this enactment requires a liberal policy toward all proper State charities.

LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT.

Senator Rutan has reported the legislative appostionment bill, and we give it below. It will be seen that it gives one Senator for Pittsburgh proper—Senator Anderson now filling the position—one for Allegheny and the outlying townships, one for the South Side, and one for the Pittsburgh boroughs and townships. This is as fair an arrangement, in its general features, as could well be made, although in its details amendments and improvements might readily be suggested. At the next election three of these Senators will be elected for two years—all except the one for the Pittsburgh District. The Senatorial apportionment is as follows:

1. The First, Second and Twenty-sixth wards, Philadelphia.
2. The Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Eleventh wards, Philadelphia.
3. The Seventh, Eighth and Ninth wards, Philadelphia.
4. The Tenth, Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth wards, Philadelphia.
5. The Fifteenth and Twenty-ninth wards, Philadelphia.
6. The Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Twentieth wards, Philadelphia.
7. The Twenty-first, Twenty-second, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth wards, Philadelphia.
8. The Nineteenth, Twenty-third and Twenty-fifth wards, Philadelphia.
9. Delaware county.
10. Bucks.
11. Montgomery.
12. Berks.
13. The city of Lancaster and twenty-one adjoining districts.
14. The rest of the county of Lancaster.
15. Dauphin.
16. Lehigh.
17. Lebanon.
18. Northampton.
19. Chester.
20. The cities of Scranton and Carbondale and nineteen districts adjoining.
21. The rest of Luzerne county.
22. Carbon, Monroe and Pike.
23. Bradford, Sullivan and Wyoming.
24. Lycoming, Montour and Columbia.
25. Tioga, Potter and McKean.
26. Susquehanna and Wayne.
27. Union, Snyder and Northumberland.
28. York.
29. Pottsville and twenty-five adjoining districts.
30. The rest of Schuylkill county.
31. Huntingdon, Mifflin and Juniata.
32. Cumberland and Adams.
33. Franklin and Perry.
34. Clinton, Clearfield and Centre.
35. Blair and Cambria.
36. Somerset, Bedford and Fulton.
37. Indiana and Jefferson.
38. Cameron, Elk, Clarion and Forest.
39. Westmoreland.
40. Fayette and Greene.
41. Beaver and Washington.
42. The City of Allegheny, Bellevue, Sewickly borough, Reserve, Kilbuck and Ohio townships.
43. The First to the Fourteenth and the Twenty-third wards of Pittsburgh.
44. The Fifteenth to Twenty-second and the Thirty-seventh wards, the boroughs and townships between the rivers and north of rivers, except what are in the Forty-second district.
45. The Twenty-fourth to Thirty-sixth wards of the rest of South Side.
46. Armstrong and Butler.
47. Warren and Venango.
48. Mercer and Lawrence.
49. Erie.
50. Crawford.

The House apportionment involves fourteen members, scattered, so far as Allegheny county is concerned, among five districts. Of these, Allegheny gets three, Pittsburgh seven, and the rest of the county four. The entire apportionment is as follows:

Philadelphia, fourteen districts:	Erie, two districts:
I. 1st and 26th wards and part of 4	I. City of Erie..... 1
II. Rest of 4, wards 2	II. Rest of county..... 1
III. 21 and 4th wards 2	Forest..... 1
IV. 3, 22d and 7th wards 2	Franklin..... 3
V. 8th, 9th, 10th and 19th wards 4	Fulton..... 1
VI. 11th and 12th wards..... 2	Greene..... 2
VII. 13th and 14th wards..... 2	Huntingdon..... 2
VIII. 15th ward..... 1	Indiana..... 2
IX. 27th ward..... 1	Jefferson..... 1
X. 16th and 20th wards..... 2	Lancaster, 3 dist's:
XI. 17th and 18th wards..... 2	I. Lancaster City..... 1
XII. 23d, 24th, 25th, 28th and 29th wards..... 2	II. 19 districts and 1 in Rhe..... 2
XIII. 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th and 25th wards..... 2	III. Rest of county..... 3
XIV. 26th and 29th wards..... 2	Lawrence..... 1
Allegheny, five districts:	Lebanon..... 1
I. City of Allegheny..... 3	Lehigh..... 2
II. 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th wards Pittsburgh..... 1	Luzerne, 4 districts:
III. 9th, 10th and 12th wards, Pittsburgh..... 1	I. Wilkesbarre..... 1
IV. Rest of Pittsburgh..... 1	II. 15 districts and part of Hazleton..... 2
V. Rest of county..... 4	III. Rest of districts..... 1
Armstrong..... 2	IV. 8 other districts..... 1
Beaver..... 2	V. 11 other districts..... 1
Bedford..... 2	VI. remainder..... 2
Berks, 2 districts:	VII. Pittston and 9 districts..... 1
I. City of Reading..... 2	VIII. Rest of county..... 1
II. Rest of county..... 1	McKean..... 1
Bucks..... 3	Mercer..... 3
Butler..... 2	Mifflin..... 1
Blair, 2 districts:	Monroe..... 1
The two single districts comprising the 24th senatorial district..... 2	Montgomery..... 5
26th Senatorial district..... 1	Montour..... 1
Cambria..... 1	Northampton..... 3
Cameron, Elk, Clarion and Forest..... 1	Northumberland..... 2
Carbon..... 1	Perry..... 1
Centre..... 2	Pike..... 1
Somerset..... 2	Potter..... 1
Chester..... 3	Schuylkill, 4 districts:
Clinton..... 1	The two single districts comprising the 30th senatorial district..... 2
Columbia..... 1	29th Senatorial district..... 1
Crawford..... 2	Snyder..... 1
Cumberland..... 2	Somerset..... 2
Dauphin, 2 districts:	Susquehanna..... 2
I. Harrisburg..... 1	Tioga..... 2
II. Rest of county..... 1	Union..... 1
Delaware..... 3	Venango..... 1
Elk..... 1	Warren..... 1
	Washington..... 3
	Wayne..... 1
	Westmoreland..... 3
	Wyoming..... 1
	York..... 4
	Total..... 241

This apportionment makes it sure that the Democrats shall have at least one member in the House, from this city; they have a chance for more. This is better than they fared at the last election, when they failed utterly in securing a member. From a hasty survey, we take this to be a fair apportionment. As the material parts of it were made by the Constitution, there is not much room for trouble,—the issue being on the subdivision of the populous counties.

THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

Over a Million People Starving—Failure of the Rice Crop—Eleven or Twelve Million Must be Supplied with Food—History of Former Famines.

Hon. George Campbell, Lieutenant Governor of Bengal, gives a most alarming report of the condition of the people in India. He says fully one million persons are starving to death in the districts affected by the famine, and that all the poorer classes are beginning to feel the want of food. The New York *World* goes into a history of the causes of the present famine and compares it with others in former times. It says:

THE RICE FAILURE.

The lamentable famine which now prevails in Bengal is owing to causes which first manifested themselves last summer and fall. Many as are the products of the province—rice, cotton, indigo, opium-poppy, the sugar-cane, tobacco, and certain quantities of wheat, millet, maize, barley, peas and beans—the great dependence of the people for food is upon rice. It was the failure of the rice of 1873 which has caused the present famine. The rice harvest is the great harvest of the country. Whether it is to be a good crop or a bad crop depends mainly on the quantity of rain that falls in the rainy season, which extends from early in June, when the southwest monsoon sets in, till October. Last year very light rains fell until the middle of September, when they ceased entirely. Only a small quantity of rice was obtained in consequence over nearly the whole of Bengal, the area of which, according to the official returns of 1871, is 239,591 square miles, and its population, together with that of the native States subject to its Government, over 38,000,000.

The districts comprised in the present famine area extend from the Bay of Bengal northwest to Oude, a distance of more than 500 miles. The want of food is most felt, however, in the district of Behar and Patna, on the Ganges, distant about 300 miles north by west from Calcutta. Other districts in that portion of the province also suffer from the scarcity.

THE FAMINE AND ITS EFFECTS.

The drought of last fall has not only brought on the present famine, but its effects, it is feared, will extend with tenfold horrors into the future owing, to the fact that the sowing of the spring crop was entirely prevented last fall by the same failure of rain that almost ruined the great rice crop. The unfortunate people of the famine district must therefore look forward to many months of hardships, during which time their only dependence for subsistence will be upon what food reserves may still be in the country, the scant supply from the harvest of last fall, and what assistance may be extended to them by the Government. The number of people who must be fed, and for whom supplies must be imported if they are to be saved from starvation, will reach 11,000,000 or 12,000,000. The British Government will probably find itself compelled to meet half the expense of feeding these starvelings for, say, the coming nine months. The amount of rice required for that period for this number of people would be 1,400,000 tons, at £14 per ton, making £19,000,000 in all. Unless succor in sufficient quantities has already been forwarded to the poverty-stricken districts on the Ganges, and that relief so pressingly needed at that time is ready to anticipate that the news this morning is only the beginning of a long series of similar reports of death and destitution which will reach us for months to come.

FAMINES OF THE PAST.

If the history of the existing famine in India is to resemble the circumstances of famines of the past, the record will be a terrible one. The grim monster of starvation is no new enemy to the human race. From the year 1708 to 1714, B. C., famine slew myriads in Egypt. In Rome, 436, B. C., a famine occurred, so direful in its effects that thousands of people threw themselves in the Tiber to avoid death by starvation. Again Egypt suffered in the year 42, A. D., and again Rome experienced the horrors in the year 262, when a plague aided to decimate the people. In the year 272 a famine ensued in Britain, causing the people to eat the bark of trees. Thousands died in Scotland in 306, and in 310 40,000 people perished in England. An awful famine, in many of the Irish dales the whole family died, although as the butter made from which milk is considered to have a better color and flavor than butter produced by churning cream. If the turnip flavor can thus be destroyed, as it is confidently asserted by those who have tested the plan, it is well worth knowing, and may prove of value to some of our dairymen who may have turnips to feed to cows in milk. Among some of the best butter-dairymen of Ireland it is customary to give cows grazing on pasture in summer "a daily drink," which is composed of bean meal, crushed oats and bran—three and one half pounds to each cow—mixed with water. The "drink" is said to have a very decided effect on the milk and butter.—*Rural New Yorker.*

Grain for Poultry.

There is no other grain that is so well relished by fowls as Indian corn. It must always continue to be, as now, the American poulterer's main reliance, for, although too fattening to use in certain cases, it possesses more nutriment for the price than any other grain, and is always to be obtained. Corn can be given ground, raw and cooked. Oats we prefer ground fine, as otherwise the hulls are too harsh and bulky. Ground wheat bran and middlings, wheat in the kernel, barley and buckwheat, there need be no difficulty in avoiding monotony. Rye, though the poorest grain of all, may be given occasionally, and brewers' grain, if convenient.—*Poultry World.*

THE Infirmary at Steubenville claims to have the oldest man in Jefferson county, Jacob Garrison, having reached the age of one hundred and seven years. He was born in the State of Maryland in 1767. While a young man he moved to Greencastle, Franklin county, Pa., where he carried on the blacksmithing business for a number of years. He was elected constable and served two years, and enlisted in the war of 1812. He served three months. When the war closed he moved to Jefferson county and carried on blacksmithing at Richmond and Fairfield.

ALL the bell factories in East Hampton, Connecticut, and are running full time, and can scarcely keep up with their orders.

THE Belmont Nail Works at Wheeling made 173 864 kegs of nails in 1871, 148,899 kegs in 1872, and 156,292 in 1873.

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PERSONAL.

THE Rev. Mrs. Van Cott is so popular in Omaha that no church in town is large enough to contain the congregation which she gathers.

SENATOR EDMONDS, of Vermont, is still in very poor health. His physician advises a cessation from duty, and he contemplates an extended Southern trip.

KATE FISHER has played an engagement at Wood's Theatre, Cincinnati. A local critic declares her horse in Mazeppa to be one of the best on the stage in that character.

LEDRU ROLLIN has been elected to the French Assembly by three thousand majority for the department that includes within its limits romantically famous Vaucluse.

CINCINNATI was lately the appropriate scence of the marriage of Mr. Hogg and Miss Bacon, who, in the bridegroom's estimation, took the chine out of all the girls of his acquaintance.

MR. JAMES H. LUCUS, who died recently in St. Louis, left an estate valued at $7,000,000. Previous to his death he gave his son $2,000,000. Mr. Lucas was the father-in law of Senator Hager, California.

MISS PHŒBE COZZENS, of St. Louis, lectured, the other night, dressed, according to an exchange, "in heavy silk, with gold-ornaize overskirt, all richly befrilled and furbelowed, and trimmed with black lace roses at the belt, breast and back hair, with white frills at her neck and wrists, and a sparkling aigrette in her hair."

ONE of Brigham Young's patriarchs is dead. Thaddeus Alvord, aged 98, was born in Hampshire county, Massachusetts, removed to New York, was baptized in the presence of Joseph Smith in 1834, shared in all the struggles and sufferings of the Mormons, was ordained a patriarch one year ago, and died about ten days ago.

THE Rev. THOMAS SMITH, of Parrotsville, Tenn., rides on horseback without spectales, and preaches with good appetite and unimpaired memory at the age of one hundred and one. Although a teetotaler, he distinctly remembers the battle of Brandywine. Of whom local chronicle qualifiedly remarks that he is "probably" the oldest preacher in America.

REAR-ADMIRAL E. G. PARROTT, who was ordered to the Asiatic Squadron last October, to relieve Rear-Admiral Jenkins, has returned in ill-health. He arrived at Hong Kong, December 16, and on the 12th of January was ordered home by Fleet Surgeon Bloodgood. Admiral Parrott came by the way of Yokohama and San Francisco, and reached his home in Portsmouth, N. H., Saturday evening.

JOSEPH BUFFUM, the last surviving member of the Sixteenth Congress of the United States, died at Westmoreland, N. H., on Tuesday, at the age of 90 years. He was a native of Fitchburg, and a graduate of Dartmouth College in the class of 1807. He studied and practiced law in Keene, N. H., but since the close of his Congressional service in 1821, he resided upon a farm in Westmoreland. He was never married.

GENERAL GRANT is not the first President to ride in a coach with four horses. That simple-minded Republican President, George Washington, used to sport a showy coach and six, with conchmen and outriders and livery, the panels of the coach being decorated with a bold coat-of-arms and the Washington legend. Most of the simple-minded patriots of the early days of the Republic made displays that would astonish the practical people of modern times.

M. DELCOUR, Minister of the Interior of Belgium, has discovered that Hippocrates, the Father of Medicine, was a Belgian instead of a Greek, as most people have believed him to have been. The *Independence Belge* says that of course it matters not that Belgium did not exist at the time of Hippocrates, and that M. Delcour should be thanked for the service he had rendered to Belgian national history and the lustre he has given to Belgian medical science by his discovery.

CAPTAIN STEPHEN TROWBRIDGE, now living at Milford, Conn., is ninety-three years old, and has made one hundred trips across the Atlantic Ocean from New York to Liverpool. He has been shipwrecked seven times, and washed overboard during a gale in mid-ocean. His ship was attacked by Algerian pirates while in the Mediterranean Sea more than half a century ago. He has been able to read without glasses until the last four months, and has been a Mason for sixty-nine years, having joined the order in the year 1805.

A MOVEMENT has been started in Brooklyn, irrespective of sect or denomination, to invite Rev. Dr. Porteous to take charge of the new Episcopal Church Society, to be formed in that city. A meeting to further this end is to be held this evening. The success of the undertaking is nearly assured. Dr. Porteous, when spoken to, said he had heard of the proposition, and was favorable to it, but the platform will have to be liberal and catholic, one with broad church doctrines and no sensational-ism.

THE Rev. Thomas K. Beecher thinks that religion suffers about as much as the liquor business by the sidewalk prayer meetings. "The specially bad feature," says Mr. Beecher, "is the prostitution of prayer, making of it a sidewalk pastime." And then he asks how the following would do as an additional stanza to Montgomery's hymn:

Prayer is the Buckeye woman's dodge
To stop the rumshop door;
They hear her pray and run away.
And never drink no more.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THE will of the late Jas. W. Girard, of New York, was admitted to probate on Tuesday. All his children, brothers, sisters and servants are remembered, and in four codicils additions are made to nearly every legacy. The estate is valued at one million dollars.

THE new hotel in San Francisco is to have a single clock machinery in one of its towers wherefrom the time of day is to be transmitted by means of compressed air to dials in each of its 500 rooms; which pious boarders will perhaps regard as an instance of the fallacy of faith without works.

STRESS of weather forced the steamships Herder and Silesia, from Hamburg for New York, to put into Queenstown. Both vessels were leaking, and the former had lost her boats. The steamship Nederland, from Antwerp for Philadelphia, also put into Queenstown, with her cargo shifted and her boats gone.

COMMITTEES representing the Reformed Church in America, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, are holding secret sessions daily in New York in relation to the Organic Union. It is understood the desire is to find, if possible, some middle-ground on which the two Churches can meet without destroying their identity.

"THE wickedest man in Chicago" has put in his claim for the title by hiring three scrubbing women to open a mock prayer-meeting in his drinking saloon that he might thereby raise the wind, and give an impetus to his sales. Blasphemy is indefensible at any time, but what shall be said of the man who deliberately engages in it as a source of pecuniary profit?

THE Washington Manufacturing Company of Gloucester, New Jersey, has discharged about seven hundred of its employés who had insisted upon an increase of wages. Soon after the wives and children of the men discharged surrounded the superintendent's office and threatened destruction to himself and family. They were soon, however, sent to their homes by the authorities.

THE number of officers of foreign birth in our regular army is 244. Of these Ireland claims the majority over any, 96; Germany ranks next, 45; while England has ten less than the latter figure. Of those who have risen from the ranks 108 are Americans; 44 Irish, and 23 Germans. Thus is the majority of *meritorious* enlisted "regulars" of American birth, contrary to the generally-received opinion.

CHICAGO saloon-keepers assert they will take their bier sooner than submit to a raise of $2 per barrel on beer. The brewers are mad as hops, and rise in convention to asservate that they will have $12 a barrel or nothing. When it is remembered that the population of the Northwestern metropolis is one-third German, the imminent possibilities are not pleasant to contemplate.—*N. Y. World.*

THE laborers on the Brooklyn Reservoir works struck on Tuesday to compel an advance in wages demanded. The Italian portion of the strikers soon resumed work, when they were set upon by the Irish and German portion, and a desperate fight followed, in which all the tools were used into weapons, and several of the participants were seriously wounded. The police subsequently arrived and arrested the leaders in the riot, seven of whom were sent to prison.

THE number of church edifices in this country in 1870 was 63,082, against 58,061 in 1850, which is an increase of about 75 per cent. in 20 years. The increase in the Methodist churches has been about this figure; that of the Catholic is over 200 per cent. The census of 1870 puts the valuation of all church property at $350,000,000, but it is certainly double that or about $700,000,000. In value the Methodist again rank first, and the Catholics next, both having added to their wealth at about the same rate per cent.

THE *El Bulitin de la Guerra*, a paper published by the Cuban forces of Conea-gney, says: "The revolution continues in its unalterable march of progress, and a hundred fields of battle have demonstrated the ability to cope with the tyrant in spite of his multitude of resources and material advantages. The hand of misfortune has struck from our reach much assistance that we ought to have received and expected, but the arm of right and justice has wrested from the usurper the elements necessary to defeat and confound him."

WE hear of distress and destitution on every hand. Within the city limits there are said to be more than nine thousand men who, together with those depending on them for existence, are suffering for want of the actual necessities by which soul and body are held together.—*New Orleans Picayune.*

This plaint, coming, as it does, close upon the heels of the reckless extravagance and revelry of the Carnival, unavoidably recalls those memorable lines:

"Wine and women, mirth and laughter;
Sermons and soda the next day after."

A Remarkable Case.

A new phrase is announced of the astonishing trial of Mrs. Waite, at Portland, Me., on the charge of bigamy. The charge was preferred, it will be remembered, by John Waller, who claimed that the defendant was his wife, and that she had deserted him and his children. He named marks up on her body by which she could be identified. Mrs. Waite bore these marks upon her person, and the children of Mr. Waller swore to her identity. In spite of this evidence, Mrs. Waite maintained the most remarkable composure, and convinced the many spectators present at the trial that she was either a most wonderful actress or the victim of a not less wonderful combination of circumstances. The last move is the publication of a letter from Mrs. Waller, with pet-name as is known by the *aliases* of Kate Waller and Catherine McKenzie. This person claims that she was married to John Waller, May 29, 1862, and that her children were born February 24, 1863, and September 2, 1864; that she left him four years ago, because she was abused her; that she has a scar on her arm where he cut her with an axe, and another in her temple where he struck her with a block of wood. She adds that she will have her children before long, if she will have to steal them. If the letter is genuine, and the true wife of John Waller produced and placed on the witness stand, the reality will surpass in interest many of the creations of fiction.

"The Right to Go to Hell."

Recently, at a revival meeting in the north part of the county, the exercises of the evening were closed by a general invitation to all who wanted to go to heaven to rise. The entire congregation, with a solitary exception in the shape of a boy, rose to their feet. The conductor then varied the invitation by asking all who wanted to go to hell to arise. The solitary exception arose to his feet. Of course the good people were scandalized, and the result was the arrest of the youth and his trial for disturbing the meeting. But, to the intense disgust of those liberal souls, the Court held that if the boy wanted to go to hell he had a perfect right to do so, and that such did not necessarily disturb the meeting within the meaning of the law; and, dismissing the case, the boy was sent on his way rejoicing.—*Wright County (Ia.) Monitor.*

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Washing Dishes.

"I don't like to wash dishes!" many a young lady has exclaimed in disgust. Well, my dear, I shouldn't think you would, that is, as some people wash them. Much less do I think you would care to eat a dinner from said dishes, had you been an eye-witness to the purifying (?) process which the poor things had undergone.

Somehow, I have a sort of pity for the helpless silver, the white cups, etc., which go to make up the table services, when I see them tumbled promiscuously into a dirty pan, with about a pint of water, a little doubtful looking, and more doubtful smelling soap, and the cleansing process is commenced.

Down from a rusty nail comes a sour, ragged black dish-cloth, which I suspect did service last in washing out the old rotten sink—bah! It makes me sick to think of it! and this thing, forsooth, must be dragged over every bit of china in the pan.

Then, as a last indignity, the poor dishes are drained in the bottom of the sink, and wiped with dirty, lint-laden rags—rags which ought in all reason to have been annihilated months ago, as at present they are not fit for a floor mop.

How people of any respectability can do work in this way is more than I can imagine, but that they can and do, my own eyes have forced me to believe.

I do not wonder people dislike to wash dishes if they proceed in this way. But I have seen dish washing done, which to me did not seem at all disagreeable. First, a large tin pan was filled with clean, soft water, hot as the hand could bear it, to this was added white, sweet smelling soap; then the silver, glass ware and cups received a thorough washing with a clean, white dish-cloth, and were wiped with good crash towels, at least a yard in length. When these are finished, there was room in the pan for the larger dishes, which, when washed, were rinsed in clear, hot water, and drained, not in the bottom of the sink (although it was a clean iron one) but in another pan, or on a board made for the purpose. When knives were polished, and dishes all finished, it was but a moment's work to wash the dish-cloth in clean, hot water, wring it thoroughly, and hang it in a clean place to dry. Once or twice a week the towels receive the same treatment. The sink was washed by its own cloth, which likewise was rinsed and dried. If you adopt this method of washing dishes, ladies, you need not feel mortified should a gentleman acquaintance happen to drop into the kitchen, and stand looking on, while the silver and cups come from your fingers glittering and shining with cleanliness. Believe me, somehow that brightness will become associated in his mind with you, as well as with the dish-cloth. And should your lady visitors offer to help you in your work you wouldn't have to say with a blush, "my dish-towel looks rather black, but its clean!" or "My towels are hardly fit, but I have to be economical, you know." Economize, do, but do not let it be at the expense of decency. Don't let one sight of your dish-cloth and sink make your visitor lose her appetite utterly for a week. For my part, I should prefer a lady would do with a few yards less of silk or ribbon, and have nice, comfortable implements for all her household labor, than for sacrifice needless, for unnecessary show. Somehow, I can't associate refinement and purity of heart with dirty, shiftless dish-washing.—*Jane Hatherton.*

Feed from an Acre.

A pair of farm horses will consume in a year six and one-half tons of hay and two hundred and seventy bushels of oats, their daily rations being eighteen pounds of hay and twelve pounds of oats for each. It will take fourteen to sixteen acres of average land to raise this amount of fodder. A cow will consume eighteen pounds of hay and six pounds of corn meal daily, equal to three and a quarter tons of hay and forty bushels of corn, allowing for toll for grinding it, per year. This will require about four acres of average land. One acre of good corn land will produce enough grain and stalks to keep a cow during a year. This estimate, which is deduced from practice, accords with results elsewhere, as gathered from statistics, which prove that eight acres of land are needed to support a horse during a year in Belgium and Holland—countries which, as regards the supply of food, are self-sustaining. There would be no practical difference between the crops mentioned and others that might be chosen, for the reason that more prolific crops require a greater amount to be consumed to yield an equal sustenance with less prolific but more nutritious crops. The most economical single crop to raise for feeding animals is corn, when the whole stalks are well cured and properly used.

Turnip Flavor in Butter.

Turnips fed to milch cows impart, as is well known, a disagreeable flavor to the milk, and if the milk is employed for butter-making the turnip flavor is also carried to the butter. Various methods have from time to time been suggested for arresting or destroying this flavor in the butter made from turnip-fed cows, and one of the most efficient, we are informed, is that practiced by the Irish dairymen. This consists in mingling sour milk with the new or freshly drawn milk and then setting it aside to cream. By this procedure the sourness of the new milk is hastened, thereby preventing the flavor, which is greatly caused by allowing the milk to sour before churning, in many of the Irish dales the whole milk is churned, as the butter made from which milk is considered to have a better color and flavor than butter produced by churning cream. If the turnip flavor can thus be destroyed, as it is confidently asserted by those who have tested the plan, it is well worth knowing, and may prove of value to some of our dairymen who may have turnips to feed to cows in milk. Among some of the best butter-dairymen of Ireland it is customary to give cows grazing on pasture in summer "a daily drink," which is composed of bean meal, crushed oats and bran—three and one half pounds to each cow—mixed with water. The "drink" is said to have a very decided effect on the milk and butter.—*Rural New Yorker.*

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Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

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THURSDAY, March 5, 1874. }

An uneventful day, yesterday, as to financial matters. The banks are not largely applied to for discounts, and the current of business was rather sluggish. We hear that real estate begins to tend downward, some transactions having recently taken place at prices much less than have been asked heretofore. Still, there is an increasing activity, probably arising from the urgency with which some properties have been crowded on the market.

The renewal of gold sales by the Secretary of the Treasury has caused much surprise. The following is the explanation: The Secretary has to meet this month a demand upon him on account of pensions to the extent of $8,000,000 accrued indebtedness. Of course it may not be called for all at once, but it has to be provided for. To do this he—on Saturday, at the close of business, so that it only reached here Saturday evening after everybody had gone home, and was then hidden away in a Treasury statement of that famous *lucus a non lucendo* pattern now so much in vogue, and which so few read—added something like $700,000 to the outstanding legal tenders from the now famous "reserve," making to total present issue an even $382,000,000. It is to be presumed he at the same time decided upon his gold sales. This, he claims, will enable him to meet all demands on the Treasury without calling further upon the reserve.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company thus timely gives notice that the third and final instalment of twenty-five per cent., being twelve and a half dollars per share, upon the new stock of 1873, will be due and payable between May 1st and 18th next.

The stock market showed a further decline yesterday, and is evidently in the hands of the bears.

Luther S. Kauffman, Broker, No. 96 Fourth Avenue, furnishes the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

	Tu'day.	We'day.
Gold closed at	112¾	112
U. S. Sixes—1881—coupons	119¼	119¼
Do. do. 1881	119	118¾
5-20 1862	117	116¾
5-20—1864	118¾	118¾
" 1865	120¾	119¾
" 1865 now.	118¾	118¼
" 1867.	119¾	118¾
" 1868—coupons.	118¾	118
10-40's .	113	112¾
10-40's—coupons	112¾	112¼
Currency 6's	116	116
New 5 per cents	114¾	114¾

RAILWAYS.

New York Central	103¾	103¾
Erie	40¾	40¾
R. H. & E.	17¾	17¾
C. C. & I. C.	20¾	20¾
St. Paul	45¾	45¾
Do. preferred	69	67¾
Michigan Southern	79¾	78¾
Do. Central	89	87
North Western Common	34¾	33¾
Do. preferred	60	60¾
Rock Island	104¾	104¾
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	87¾	87¾
Pacific Mail	43¾	43¾
Western Union Telegraph	74¾	74¾
Ohio & Mississippi	30¾	30¾
Illinois Central	98¾	94
Toledo & Wabash	47¾	47¾
Harlem	131	128¾
Chicago and Alton	104¾	105
Adams Express	96	96
American Express	65	64
United States	70	69
W., Fargo & Co. Express	78	76¾
I. C.	104	104
Panama	115¾	114¾
Fort Wayne	91	90¾
Quicksilver	31¾	31¾
Canton	39	39
Terre Haute	10	10
Hannibal and St. Joseph	28¾	27¾

Messrs. Robinson Bros., bankers, No. 84 Fourth Avenue, furnish the following quotations of active stock on the Philadelphia Stock Board to-day:

	Tu'day.	We'day.
Penna. Central	52	51¾
Reading	57¾	57¾
United Cos. of N. J.	123¾	123
Oil Creek	18¾	17¾
Lehigh Valley	61	61¾
A. V. R. R. 7-30	92	93
Central Transportation	44	44
Empire do.		
Penna Scrip div.	99	99

NEW YORK, March 4, 1874.

Money was easy at 3@4. Sterling 483¼ for sixty days and 487 for sight. The customs receipts were $293,000. Gold closed at 112, after selling at 112⅛@111¾. The carrying rates were 2 to 4. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $312,000. The clearings were $29,000,000. Governments were active, but lower. State bonds were nominal. Stocks opened active, but became weak and declined ¼ to 2¾ per cent. up to midday. A large short interest was put out, but during the last hour of business the market turned from bear to bull, and with an active buying demand for leading shares prices advanced ¼ to 1¾ per cent., and in some cases the opening prices were not only reached, but passed. Rock Island and Northwestern suffered the greatest decline. The market closed strong. The sales between 10 and 2 o'clock amounted to 213,000 shares, of which 29,000 were Western Union, 16,500 Union Pacific, 15,000 Wabash, 7,500 Pacific Mail, 9,000 Ohios, 16,500 New York Central, 7,000 St. Paul, 54,500 Lake Shore, 17,500 Rock Island, 23,000 Northwest common, and 4,500 do preferred.

Governments.—U. S. coupons, 1881, 119¾; 5-20's '62, 117¾; do. '64, 118; do. '65, 120¾; do. '65, new, 119¾; do. '67, 118¾; do. '68 118; new 5's, 114; 10 40's, 112¾; currency 6's, 116.

State Bonds.—Missouri, 95; Tennessee, old, 89¾; do. new, 89¾; Virginia, new, 42; North Carolina, old, 35; do. new, 28.

Stocks.—Canton, 70; Western Union Telegraph Co., 74¾; Quicksilver, 30¾; Adams Express, 96; Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, 75; American Express, 63¾; United States Express, 70; Pacific Mail, 43¾; New York Central, 103¾; Erie, 40¾; do. preferred, 74; Harlem, 129¾; do. preferred, 126; Michigan Central, 87; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago, 87½; Northwestern common, 34¾; do. preferred, 70¾; Rock Island, 104¾; New Jersey Central, 104¼; St. Paul, 43¾; do preferred, 69¾; Toledo & Wabash, 47¾; do. preferred, 70; Fort Wayne, 90½; Terre Haute, 10; do. preferred, 30; Chicago & Alton, 106; do. preferred, 107¾; Ohio & Mississippi, 30¾; Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati, 79; Burlington & Quincy, 103; Lake Shore, 78¾; Panama, 30; Illinois Central, 104; Union Pacific, 34; Central Pacific, 94; Union, 85; Hartford & Erie, 13¾; Delaware & Lackawanna, 109.

LONDON, March 4.—5 P. M.—Consols; money 92⅝; 92⅝ account; 5-20s, '65, 103¾; do. '67, 109½; 10-40s 103¾; new 5's 104⅝; New York Central 95; Erie 42; preferred 67.

PARIS, March 4.—Rentes 59 francs 70 centimes.

FRANKFORT, March 4.—5-20s '62, 98¾.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, }
WEDNESDAY, March 4, 1874. }

The produce markets, although quiet and devoid of any new or important features, are fairly active, and notwithstanding the demand is still confined entirely to supplying immediate wants, there is, nevertheless, a very fair business in the aggregate; in regard to values, there have been no important changes since the date of our last report.

APPLES—There is a moderate demand, and we can report regular sales at $4.50@4.50 ₱ bbl., according to quality and condition.

APPLE BUTTER—60@70c.

BEANS—The arrivals appear to be on the increase this week, and the market is barely steady at it has been, although prices remain unchanged, ranging from $2.20@2.50 per bushel, the latter figure for choice hand-picked.

BUTTER—The receipts within the past few days have been on the increase, but with a steady demand there is no accumulation and prices are fully sustained; we continue to quote at 40@45 for good to choice.

CHEESE—We quote FLORIDA—12@14c ₱ lb.

CHEESE—Prime Ohio Factory is still reported firm but unchanged, at 16@17¾, and New York, 16@18c.

COUNTRY BACON AND LARD—Shoulders, 8@7; Hog Round Sides, 11c; Clear Sides, 8@8½; Hams, 9@12½c. Country Lard, 8@9c.

CRANBERRIES—Selling in a regular way at $12@13 ₱ bbl., according to quality.

DRIED FRUIT—The market continues quiet and unchanged. Apples, 8@10c, as to quality. Peaches, 9@12c for mixed, and 14@15 for halves.

EGGS—The arrivals appear to be on the increase, and the supply has commenced to accumulate slightly, although prices are still maintained at 25@26c for fresh; it is the report that pickled eggs cannot be disposed of at any price.

FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged. Spring wheat flours, $4.75@5; red winters, $5.50@6.50; white wheat, $7@10. Rye Flour, $5.50@5.75.

GROCERIES—Coffee, countinues very firm; under the sales of 2,000 bags Rio, at 19½c, and an advance in roasted within the next 48 hours is not improbable; some roasters have been wanting to put in prices for some time past. Sugars, Molasses and Syrups are quiet and present no new features which have not already been noticed. Mackerel are very stiff, and No. 3 are higher, and White Fish and Lake Herring are scarce and advancing.

OIL CAKE.—Patent Oil Load, 1¼; Crushed, Powdered and Granulated, 1¼; Standard A, 1¼; Golden Eye, 1¼; Circle, 1 9-16; Franklin Extra C, 9¾; Franklin No. 2 Extra C, 9¾; American Extra C, 9. Yellow Sugars, 8 to 9, as to quality.

COFFEE—Choice Rio, 31@32; good to prime, 29@31; fair, 28@29. Rossted 1 pound packages, 35c; loose, 34c.

MOLASSES—Strictly prime new crop New Orleans, 80c; fair to prime old, 70@75.

SYRUPS—Refinery Drips, 50c; Sugar Drips, 45c; Amber, 60@65; lower grades, 55@60, as to quality.

RICE—Choice Carolina, 9¾; Patna, 8¾c; Rangoon, 8@8½c.

GRAIN—The grain trade, so far as our market is concerned, continues dull, and to dealers in a very unsatisfactory condition. However, an early change for the better is not improbable. The receipts of Corn continue light, and prices nominal at $1.55@1.60 for red, and $1.61@1.70 for white. It would be difficult to dispose of any considerable amount at quotations, yet we are assured that it cannot be laid down here for much if any less. The Oat market is quiet and unchanged, ranging from 53 to 55¸ as to quality. Bar Corn is still reported dull but unchanged at 6@68, and shelled at 62@63, and very quiet. Rye is quiet and unchanged, $1.01@1.05. No movement in Barley—we notice that it continues dull in Chicago, our principal source of supply.

HAY—Baled continues dull, but prices remain as last quoted, ranging from $18@22 ₱ ton, according to quality and condition.

MILL FEED—There is considerable inquiry for Bran, and prices are higher; may be quoted at $15@16. Middlings quiet at $16@16.50.

MAPLE SYRUP & SUGAR—Syrup is quoted at $1.50@1.75 for gallon jugs, and Sugar in grain, at 10@11c.

ONIONS—$2@2.25 ₱ brl.

POULTRY—Dressed Chickens, 11@13c; Ducks, 14@15c; Geese, 10@11c.

PROVISIONS—Extra Sugar cured Hams, 9@10, 12½. Ex. sugar Cured shoulders, 9¼; Sugar cured Breakfast Bacon, 12¼. Extra Sugar Cured Dried Beef, 16¼. Beef tongues, $7.50 ₱ dozen. Bacon Shoulders, per lb, 8c. Bacon Hips, Sides, 9¾c. Bacon Hams, 12½@13c. Bacon Clear Rib Sides, 10c. Mess Pork, $16.50 per barrel. Refined Lard for summer use, in tin, 10¼. Do. Lard, 10¼. Do. Bacon, 11¾. Do. in 3 lb. caddies, 12¾c. Do in 5 lb. 12½c. do. in 3 lb. pails 13½c ₱ pound. Do. in 5 lb. pails, 13. Do 10 lb. pails, 12¾. Ham Sausage, 10c.

POTATOES—There is no improvement in the demand, and with continued liberal offerings, the market is weak and dull, although prices remain without quotable change; we continue to quote Peach Blows, $1.20@1.25 ₱ bushel on track and $1.30@1.35 in a jobbing way.

SEEDS—Timothy, dull; quoted at half a cent per ₱. Cotton still quotable at 2¾@3c.

SALT—is quoted at $1.50 ₱ brl. by the car load, and $1.55 in a jobbing way.

SEEDS—Clover Seed continues to come in freely, and the market is reported dull and weak, although prices are nominally unchanged at $5@5.75. Timothy is steady at $3.50@3.75. Flax Seed is in steady demand at $2.35.

WHISKY—Highwines, 86@90c ₱ gallon.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

CENTRAL STOCK YARDS, EAST LIBERTY. }
WEDNESDAY, March 4, 1874. }

Following were arrivals of the different kinds of stock from and including Sunday up until noon to-day, and in order to afford a comparison we append those of the corresponding time last week:

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Sunday.	55 cars	33 cars	17 cars
Monday.	39 "	5 "	4 "
Tuesday.	93 "	38 "	33 "
Wednesday—till noon	71 "	14 "	17 "
Total	259 "	87 "	63 "
Same time last week	243 "	45 "	51 "

CATTLE.

Trade opened up very quiet on Monday, and it was nothing to brag about on Tuesday; the sales on both days footing up less than 300 head; this forenoon, however, buyers took hold freely, which is evident from the fact that the sales up until noon added up 654 head, or 345 for the two and one half days, against 440 head during the corresponding time last week. Dealers generally, both buyers and sellers, reported the market as being more active, but this far there has been no quotable change in prices; we heard of nothing having been sold above 6¼, although it is quite evident that there is a good demand for quality, we think there would have been no difficulty in obtaining 6¾, but this last named figure may be regarded as the very most that could well afford. There was a fair attendance of buyers, both Philadelphia and New York being represented, and the market generally closed than it did last week; up until noon last Wednesday there had been but very few purchased for Philadelphia, while this forenoon there were some 25 or 30 cars purchased for shipment to that point, and we are cognizant of several batches having been taken on New York account. We may be mistaken, but we do not think that sellers were as tenacious about holding as they were last week, and, in addition, the Philadelphia men struck a better market last Monday than they have had for some time, hence they felt more like taking hold, and that they did purchase more freely is evident from what we have already stated. In a word, the market has been more active with a better feeling, and it bids fair to continue so during the balance of the week, without, however, any material movement in prices as regards quality, there has been no perceptible difference, the bulk of the offerings consisting of medium to good—such as Philadelphia and New York being represented, the supply of those grading prime to extra, has been light. The Philadelphians say that they will not buy many cattle here during the next sixty days, and they give as a reason therefor that there are always a large supply of cattle into that market from Lancaster, Chester and other counties in the eastern part of the State at this season of the year. No change in freights; $50 per car from Chicago, $35 to Philadelphia, and $40 to New York.

QUOTATIONS.

Extra 1,400 steers,	6.25@6.50
" prime 1,300 @1,300 steers,	5.75@6.00
Good 1,200@1,300 steers	5.50@5.60
Stockers @ @200	4.00@4.50
Bulls, as to quality	3.00@5.00
Old cows, stags	2.50@3.00

HOGS.

The arrivals from and including Sunday up until noon to-day, were almost double those of the corresponding time last week, and not only was the supply largely increased, but there was also a decided improvement in quality. The market, during the past 48 hours, has been slow and unsatisfactory to the selling interest, and prices have declined from 20 to 25 cts per cwt. There was not a single hog purchased for Philadelphia this forenoon, and there were but few yesterday. Philadelphia shippers report they are getting all they can handle at this season, hence for the time being, they are virtually out of the market. New York shippers are still buying sparingly, from which we are unable to infer that the New York market is not very active, nor is it expected during the balance of the season. Philadelphia shippers are paying at 6¼; fair to prime Yorkers 6¼@6¾; and rough stock of all kinds at 6@6¼. Good hogs are lower than they have been for several weeks, and as they are reported scarce throughout the west, our main source of supply, it is not likely that they will go any lower, and the probability is that as soon as the arrivals slack off slightly, the market will improve, particular grade will take a turn upward again.

SHEEP.

The run of sheep up to noon to day was large, more than double as compared with those of the corresponding time last week, but the demand has been fully up to the supply, which is evident from the fact that sales were, at noon, so we were informed, not very few remaining in the pens unsold at noon to-day. As regards prices, however, operators did not agree; some reported a slight decline, say from 15 to 20c per cwt., while others equally as well observant and whose opinions are entitled to fully as much consideration, contended that last week's rates were fully sustained. Sales of Wethers at 5¾@6¾ for extra, 5@5¾ for good to prime; 6@6¾ for fair to medium, and 6@5¾ for common. There was more inquiry for shipment to New York this week, and but for this, it is doubtful whether the market would have been able to have held its own.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, }
WEDNESDAY, March 4, 1874. }

The Crude market continues dull and depressed, and with a diminished demand and new stocks, it was tame and drooping; it was offered this afternoon at $1.87½, equal to about 4¾c per gallon delivered here, by rail. Refined is also dull and heavy, but prices are nominally unchanged; March, Philadelphia delivery, 16@16½; April, 17¼@17½; May, 18¾@19. On cars here, 11¾@12 to go east, and 13 for western shipment. The refining interest, so far as Pittsburgh is concerned, has been in an unsatisfactory condition for some time.

The barrel market continues very dull, but prices are nominally unchanged; countries, $1.65; city make, $1.70.

CRUDE OIL RECEIVED BY ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD.

Shipper	Consignee	Bbls.
McKelvy	Vesta O. W.	483
McKelvy	Star O. W.	481
Stewart	Sunbeam, O. W.	81
McKelvy	Hutchinson O. W.	107
Total.		1,172

Cincinnati Iron Market.

CINCINNATI, March 3.—The dullness in the pig iron market which has prevailed since the panic holds fair to continue through the present month. The idle mills, the stoppage of railroad building and the consequent inactivity of car and wheel makers, combine to produce a stagnation which must continue until those industries are revived. As every day takes from the influence of the panic, so the recovery must result from the lapse of time, but the year 1874 may pass away before entire confidence is restored. Quotations remain irregular and without change.

Receipts Pig Metal, Ore and Blooms.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.

McKnight D & Co. o	2	Reese G & W. o	2
Shoenberger R & Co. o	8	Pgh Fge & I Co. m	3
Isabella Furnace. o	2	Lucy Furnace. o	4
McKnight P & Co. o	4	Lloyd and B. p	2
Caughey & H. m	2		
Total			46

PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD, P. R. R. LESSEE.

Isabella Furnace. m	7	Lewis O & P. m	5
Garrison. m	5		
Total			17

PENN'A. CENTRAL RAILROAD.

J Moorhead. m	2	J Moorhead. b	1
J W Porter. m	2		
Total			5

ALLEGHENY VALLEY R. R.

Nimick and Co. m	2	Phillips N & Co. m	1

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 4, 1874.

FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged.

GRAIN—Wheat steady and in moderate demand; No. 1 spring $1.20¼@1.21; No. 2 $1.19¾ seller April; $1.24¾ seller May; No. 3 $1.13¼@1.14¼; rejected $1.08. Corn steady and in moderate demand; No. 2 mixed 59¼c fresh; cash 59¾c; 59¾c seller April; 63¼c seller May; rejected 54¾c. Oats dull and lower; No. 2 42¾c cash; 43¾c seller April. Rye steady and in moderate demand; No. 1 fresh 85c. Barley dull and unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Pork steady and in moderate demand; $14.25 cash; $14.45 seller April. Bulk meats: demand good at full prices; shoulders 4¾c; short rib middles 7¾c.

WHISKY—Steady and in moderate demand; 92c bid, 93c asked.

New York.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Cotton dull at 16c. Flour quiet and unchanged. Whisky a shade firmer at 96@96¾c. Wheat quiet; No. 2 spring $1.49@1.51; No. 2 Milwaukee $1.51@1.52; No. 1 Milwaukee $1.56@1.57; rejected spring $1.42@1.43. Rye dull at 98c@$1.02. Barley and malt unchanged. Corn a shade easier; new western mixed 76¼@81c; white western 77@88c. Oats quiet and firm; mixed western 61¾@63c; white 62¾@64c. Hay heavy at $1.00@1.04. Hops 20@25c. Coffee steady at 20@20¾c. Sugar firmer at 7¾@7¾c. Molasses and rice unchanged. Petroleum heavy; crude 6¾c; refined 15¾@15¾c. Leather unchanged. Wool firm at 40@65c. Pork firmer at $15.50. Beef and cut meats unchanged. Middles firmer at 8½@8¾c. Lard steadier; 9 5-16@9 5-16c. Butter firm at 26@40c. Cheese firm at 11@16¾c.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, March 4.—Cotton steady at 15¾c. Flour, Wheat, Corn and Barley dull but unchanged. Oats steady at 44@51c. Rye steady at $1.01. Pork active at $14.50. Lard: demand fair and market firm; steam 8¾@8¾c; kettle 8¾@8¾c. Bulk meats firmer; shoulders 5¼c; clear rib 7¾c; clear 7¾@7c. Bacon firmer; shoulders 8¾c; clear rib 9¾@8¾c; clear 8¾c. Whisky strong at 90c.

Foreign.

LONDON, March 4—Tallow 37s 6d. Turpentine 33s 6d@35s 9d.

LIVERPOOL, March 4—Cotton dull at 7¾@8¼d; sales 12 000; American 7,700; speculation and export 2,000. Breadstuffs quiet and unchanged. Pork 61s. Lard 42s 6d. Others unchanged.

Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, March 4.—Flour dull; superfine $5.50; Wisconsin and Minnesota extra family $6.50@7.50. Wheat quiet; red $1.60@1.65. Rye steady; 90c. Corn in fair demand; yellow 76c. Oats dull; 57@58c. Crude petroleum 11¾c; refined 14¾@14¾c. Whisky steady; 97c.

Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, March 4.—Flour in good demand and unchanged. Wheat quiet at $1.58@1.65. Corn firmer at 70c. Oats steady and firm at 55@59c. Rye quiet at 90c. Provisions and coffee unchanged. Butter easier; western roll 40@42c; tub 40@43c. Whisky nominal at 97½c.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, March 4.—Cotton easier at 14¾c. Flour and grain quiet and unchanged. Provisions dull. Pork $14.50. Bulk shoulders 5¾c; clear rib 7¾c; clear 7¾c. Bacon: shoulders 6¾c; clear rib 8¼c; clear 8¾c. Lard 9¼@9¾c. Whisky 89¾c.

Memphis.

MEMPHIS, March 4.—Cotton dull and unchanged. Flour dull at $5.00@9.50. Corn active at 75@76c. Oats dull at 58c. Pork dull at $16. Lard dull and unchanged. Bacon dull and nominal at 7@8¾@9c.

Toledo.

TOLEDO, O., March 4.—Flour, corn and oats quiet and unchanged. Wheat dull and prices have declined; No. 3 white Wabash $1.47; amber Michigan $1.47½; seller March $1.54; seller June $1.50½; No. 2 red $1.43.

Cleveland.

CLEVELAND March 4.—Grain inactive, but steady and unchanged. Petroleum dull and unchanged.

Nashville.

NASHVILLE, March 4.—Cotton, flour, grain and provisions quiet and unchanged. Whisky firm, 95c.

Oswego.

OSWEGO, March 4.—Wheat quiet; white Canada held at $1.80@1.85. Corn quiet at 78c. Barley inactive; Canada held at $1.03.

Live Stock.

BUFFALO, March 4.—Cattle: receipts 969; total for the week 4,995; market active at about last week's closing rates. Sheep and lambs: receipts, including reported arrivals, 2,400; total for the week 13,600; market moderately active at ¼ decline on last week's closing prices. Hogs: receipts, including reported arrivals, 1,900; total for the week 10,800, against 10,900 for the same time last week; market dull; no sales except to supply local butchers; Yorkers $5.25@5.50; heavy hogs $5.60@5.80.

CHICAGO, March 4.—Cattle: receipts 3,800 head; quality generally good; market active, but prices steady and firm; fair to good $4.65@5.25; good to choice $5.30@5.75; extra $6.00@6.37½; outside for lots averaging 1634 cwt; shipments 2,000. Hogs: receipts 11,000 head; market dull and prices dragging at a range of $4@5.65 for poor to very choice assorted; shipments 7,850. Sheep: receipts 1,900; good grades fairly active but firm; $3.50@4.25 for good to choice, with extra lots averaging 128 lbs at $7; shipments 100.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Business was quiet to-day with commission houses, and the jobbing trade was only moderately active. The market for cotton goods was somewhat unsettled, and medium grade bleached shirtings were weak, with price reductions on a few makes. Cottonades were firmly active. Prints are in moderate request. Ginghams are in fair demand. Worsted shawls are selling freely. Kentucky jeans are rather more active.

Wool.

BOSTON, March 4.—Wool firm and prices well sustained. Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces extra and double extra 55@57c; Wisconsin and Michigan fleeces 55@56c; Maine and eastern delaines 52@53c; combing and delaine wool quiet and firm at 55@60c.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

PITTSBURGH, CINCINNATI & ST. LOUIS R. R.—1 car barley, 226 sks do. F Schields; 1 car walnut lumber, W C Hopper; 10 pails tobacco, J Murphy; 10 sks rye, W Weise; 2 sks hides, Graff H and Co; H Clarke; 43 sks barley, Spencer McK & Co; 10 pkgs tobacco, J M Sichel & Co; 4 hds tobacco, Preiz-field Bros; 31 sales hay, J A Graff; 1 sale hay, Campbell Jones & Co; 5 brls whisky, H W Beaumont; 10 brls 1 oil, Pgh Bolt Co; 10 tres of beef, Walker C & Co; 1 car corn, Hill; 2 pkgs dry goods, P Duff & Son; 7 brls eggs, E Moye & Co; 3 do apples, A bxs do, J McAlteer; 8 brls do, H Hess Jr.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH R. R.—10 kegs Bar, T C Jenkins; 60 brls flour, Wm Johnson & C; 1 car lumber, G A Mundorff; 5 do oil brls, Central Ref Co; 4 cars potatoes, Aiken W & J; 20 do A A Hall; 2 do, Thomas & Co; 1 car J Graham; 1 do wheat, S B Floyd & Co; 4 bxs s cases, F Pollard; 6 do boots, L wis O & P; 10 bags seed, Soulds R & Co; 1 pkg mdse, Kennedy Bros; 2 eggs, H Iddon Son & Co; 10 half brls 1 beer, C Kitzner; 13 bdls paper, Pgh P Mfg Co; 29 kegs nails, 2 brls eggs, J Nettis Co; 250 sks rags, McCullough S & Co; 25 brls g apples 20 do sundries 4 bxs eggs, Volgt M & Co; 8 brls apples 4 bxs butter, E Fox & Co; 2 do apples, Wm Duffee; 5 brls oat meal, Volgt & McG; 16 do, W Frances; 10 do, J Porterfield & Co; 25 kegs do, Arbuckles A & Co; 66 sks corn, A Wolf; 1 car barley,

LATEST NEWS.

THE CAPITAL.

Chief Justice Waite Sworn into Office.

Importers of Fruit Before the Senate Finance Committee.

Revelations of the Moiety System.

Supreme Court Decision on the Excise Law.

The Bankrupt Bill.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, March 4, 1874.

The Tax on Fruit.

The Senate Finances Committee held a special session this afternoon. There were about twenty gentlemen before them, representing the fruit importers of the large cities, arguing against the tax on fruit about to be imposed.

Notes of Failed Banks Outstanding.

There was on the first of November $302,000 outstanding of national bank notes of failed banks. Since then a hundred thousand dollars worth of such notes have been bought up and reissued by the Comptroller of the Currency.

New Bank Organized.

The organization of the Merchants National Bank of Binghampton, New York, has been authorized. Capital $100,000. Circulation to be obtained from broken banks.

Payment of Second Dividends.

The Comptroller of the Currency will on Monday next forward the checks to meet the payment of the second dividend of 50 per cent. of the National Bank of Commerce, New York. A dividend of 30 per cent. has previously been paid.

The Bankrupt Act Repeal.

The majority of the House Judiciary Committee have heretofore declared in favor of a total repeal of the bankrupt act. Now that the bill in reference to the act with the Senate amendments is before them, the discussion comes up again, and will be thorough, if not prolonged. There are no indications that the majority in the committee have undergone any change in their views, but the popular demand in the country for some final action of Congress in reference to the important question has convinced them that there must be some agreement by which their views must harmonize, in order to get the bill again before the House in a shape likely to be adopted.

DIAMOND.

WASHINGTON, March 4, 1874.

The Moiety System.

At the session of the Ways and Means Committee to-day, the Chairman *pro tempore* informed all concerned that Jayne would proceed on the points to which attention had been called yesterday, why the moiety law should or should no be changed. The committee desired to hear nothing more from him about particular cases, and if he should refer to a case as illustrating his argument, he would do so in an impersonal manner.

Jayne then resumed his testimony, going over the laws relative to seizures, and argued in favor of the present system of rewards, or otherwise the Government will lose large sums by frauds.

The counsel of the Boston Board of Trade followed with an argument against the seizure of books and papers and giving moieties to informers.

Jayne has left with the committee a statement of the fines, penalties and forfeits distributed to collectors, naval officers and surveyors of the port of New York from April 8th, 1861, to November 30, 1873, from which it appears there were paid Collectors Hiram Barney, $64,000; Simeon Draper, $35,000; Preston King and a Special Deputy, $33,000; Henry A. Smythe, $102,000; Moses H Grinnell, $41,000; Thomas Murphy, $55,000; Chester A. Arthur, $56,000; Naval Officers Geo. Denison, $119,000; Moses F. Odell, $42,000; John A. Dix, $10,000; Edwin A. Merritt, $41,000; Moses H. Grinnell, $32,000; A. N. Lafin, $94,000; Surveyors Rufus T Andrews, $65,000; Abram Wakeman, $189,000; Alonzo S. Cornell, $137,000, and Geo. N. Sharpe, $5,000

Jayne continued his personal statement before the committee to day. He used language similar to that reported yesterday regarding some of the New York merchants, and was stopped by the Chairman, who said that while that he was present to give his views as an expert, and not to vindicate himself as a persecuted or abused man.

Mr. Beck, of the committee, said to Jayne that his personal explanations were simply intolerable.

Mr. Hyde, for the Boston Board of Trade, has the following to propose to the Committee in addition to reporting a law giving moieties to informers and repealing the law authorizing the seizure of books and papers, namely: That no suit or action to recover any pecuniary penalty or forfeiture of property accruing under the customs revenue laws of the United States shall be maintained unless such suit or action shall be commenced within two years after the time when such penalty or forfeiture shall have occurred; provided, the person or property liable for such penalty or forfeiture shall within the same period be within the United States, so that a proper process may be instituted and served against such person or property therefor; that nothing contained in the sixty-sixth section of the act entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," approved March 2, 1799, or in the ninth section of the act entitled "An act to protect the revenue, and for other purposes," approved May 28, 1800, or in any law of the United States, shall be so construed as to forfeit an entire invoice or entry of goods, wares and merchandise, or the value thereof, in consequence of the omission of any fraud, undervaluation or other unlawful act in relation to any item or items in such invoice or entry, or in relation to any item or items of commission, brokerage, freight, sack, box or covering, or other charges or packages on such invoice or on any part or parts thereof, but such forfeiture or penalty shall apply only to a single item or items of goods, wares and merchandise, or the value thereof, or to the amount of a single item or items of charges, together with the amount of unpaid duties on such item or items of goods and charges in relation to which such duties shall not have been paid, or in relation to which said fraud, undervaluation or other unlawful act shall have been committed; that whenever any goods, wares and merchandise shall have been entered and passed free of duty, and whenever the duties upon any imported goods, wares and merchandise shall have been liquidated and paid, and such goods, wares and merchandise shall have been delivered to the owner, importer, agent or consignee, such entry and passage free of duty, and such settlement of duties shall, in the absence of fraud, and in the absence of a protest by the owner, importer, agent or consignee, be final and conclusive upon all parties.

Supreme Court Decision on the Excise Law.

The noted and long pending Bartmeyer case, from Iowa, which it was expected would overturn the excise law of many of the States, was to-day disposed of by the Supreme Court, by an opinion of which the following is the substance: The usual and ordinary legislation of States regulating or prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors raises no question under the Constitution of the United States prior to the fourteenth amendment of that instrument. The right to sell such liquor is not one of the privileges and immunities of citizens of the United States which by the amendment States are forbidden to abridge, but if a case were presented in which a person owning liquor or other property at the time the law was passed by the State prohibiting any sale of it, it would be a very grave question whether such law would not be inconsistent with the provision of that amendment, which forbids a State to deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law. While the case before the court at present that question it fails to do it, because the plea, which is taken as true, does not state in due form or positive allegation when the defendant became the owner of the liquor sold; and secondly, because the record satisfies us that this is a moot case to obtain an opinion of this Court on a grave Constitutional question, without the existence of facts necessary to raise that question. In such a case, when the highest Court of the State to which the writ of error is directed, has not considered the question, this Court will not feel at liberty to go out of its usual course to decide.

Justice Miller delivered the opinion. The case was argued with the slaughterhouse cases from New Orleans, and it was expected would be decided with them, but the decision has been deferred until now. Justice Bradley delivered a concurring opinion, setting forth that the distinction between this and the slaughter house cases is in his view, that in those cases there was a monopoly, obnoxious to the charge of depriving citizens of the United States of their rights of property, contrary to the provisions of the Constitution, but in this case the question is one merely of price, the regulation concerning which the States have undoubted authority. Justice Field had an opinion concurring in the views of Justice Bradley.

Chief Justice Waite Sworn into Office.

At noon to day the Associate Justices, as usual, entered the Supreme Court room, Chief Justice Waite being in the rear. As the Associates, on the opening of the Court, occupied their seats, the Chief Justice took the chair, and the desk of Middleton, Clerk of Court. A few moments thereafter the Clerk read aloud the commission of the President, when the Chief Justice read aloud the oath to be administered to him by the Clerk, to which the Clerk added: "so help you God," the Chief Justice subscribing. The Chief Justice then proceeded to his seat on the bench, having robed before appearing in Court, the Associate Judges standing in his honor. The reading of opinions was then resumed from yesterday by Justice Field. There was a large attendance of members of the bar and others in the Court room.

Investigating District Affairs.

The committee to investigate the affairs of the District of Columbia met this morning, Senator Thurman in the chair. Mr. Boutwell is still unwell. The committee ordered five hundred copies of Governor Shepherd's answer to their interrogatories printed, and ordered the vouchers and papers filed by the Governor to be accessible to the counsel for both sides. The committee will meet to morrow morning to begin the investigation, and will first take up the subject of schools, with the view to ascertain the amount of tax levied for school purposes, the amount remaining uncollected, the condition of the schools, etc.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, March 3, 1874.

Congress and the Lobbyists.

There has not been in fifteen years a Congress so free from the annoyance of lobbyists as the present one. By this it can by no means be said that none are here, far from it. Some of the most distinguished and influential are on hand as usual. But those accustomed to the scenes during the war, when Congress was besieged with men and representatives of great interests, clamoring for appropriations to test some new mode of warfare, some naval ship or an ingenious fire arm, observe at this time the especially noticeable feature that the excitement and enthusiasm of the lobby has died out in a great measure. Subsequently to the war, this frenzy was at its height. There were hundreds of schemes, granting subsidies to railroads, steamboats and in the interest of commerce generally. It was alleged ingratitous sums of money and untold acres of the public domain were granted through the intrigues of a powerful lobby as freely as the most insignificant gift. Even last session when Congress had began to put its foot upon those projects it was thought a temporary spasm, and the energies of the lobby were by no means daunted. They pursued their calling with renewed vigor. It has only been checked by the inauguration of the present session, and the universal knowledge that there is no money in the Treasury to apply to any purpose except the actual necessary expenses, and no surplus on hand, taxation imminent, and economy and retrenchment permeating the executive and legislative branches of the Government. The indications are that Congress is yet to sit several months. The Appropriation bills will soon be through both Houses. The revenues are increasing, and there is not the least likelihood that they will be allowed to accumulate very largely without the effort being made to apply a portion of it to many long-cherished projects which have been allowed to sleep only to come to the surface again and agitate with ten-fold vigor. The direction in which the lobby's efforts are now tending is toward the settlement of claims against the Government, growing out of the war—fictitious claims, based on unequitable grounds. That there is a movement cropping out to push such claims through is apparent not only by initial legislation now before Congress, but by the combined efforts of a cliqus to disparage the system of adjusting claims practiced by the Government since its foundation. Any Government official will inform those who desire to become acquainted with this fact, that unscrupulous men, aided by influence in some way obtained, are constantly endeavoring to set aside opinions which have been pronounced time and time again, and which have been recorded on claims which should forever mark them as condemned. Appeals to the Secretaries of the Departments have not succeeded in calling them up again after the proper accounting officers of the Government have pronounced against them. Failing in galvanizing these old claims through appeals to the proper channel, new committees are solicited to be brought to bear upon them which will take them from the Departments and bring them before an unjust tribunal, perhaps. Not only this, but laws are asked to be framed which will allow claims to come in under them that have not the least shadow of merit about them, but which will create a system to give men high offices and enrich the pockets of the agents who may go before them in advocacy of such illegitimate claims. The progress of this movement admits of the closest scrutiny.

DIAMOND.

THE WHISKY WAR.

Progress of the Campaign in Columbus.

COLUMBUS, March 4.—The woman's crusade was continued this morning, their courage being increased previous to the beginning of their march by the news that Mr. Upton, proprietor of the Zettler House, who declared he would do all he could in opposition to the movement, had, without being asked, taken down his bar and stopped the sales liquor.

Farr's billiard room was first visited. The ladies were well received and sang and prayed, but Farr refused to sign the pledge. Marzetti's and Neiderlander's drinking places were visited, but both refused to sign the pledge. The ladies prayed and sang at many places, kneeling on a frightfully muddy pavement. The saloon kept by Antoine Chappa, an Italian, was also visited, but Chappa, scenting the battle from afar, hurriedly shut up his shop and refused to be seen. Prayers were offered for him.

It is understood that the liquor dealers held a meeting last night, and resolved to treat the ladies courteously, but not admit them to their places.

A prominent preacher of the city forced himself into the procession this morning, thereby doing more harm than good.

At three o'clock one hundred and fifty saloons renewed the crusade. Before the procession got one square from the church dense crowds of curiosity seekers, men, women and children, surrounded them, making progress almost impossible. At several points on High street, notwithstanding the utmost efforts of the police, the sidewalks were completely jammed with noisy and not very select crowds. It is highly probable that if it had not been for the police it would have been necessary to abandon anything like united work. Five saloons were visited and the proprietors taked and prayed with, but no signatures to the pledge were obtained. One Italian agreed not to sell liquor after his present stock was sold. A fifth saloon a crowd of men attempted to drown the prayer and sing by cheering, but they were suppressed by the proprietors, who at first were very defiant, but afterwards insisted that the ladies should be treated with respect.

The druggists of the city held meetings to-day to consider the situation, and twelve of them signed the pledge not to sell or give away any alcoholic liquors except for medicinal, chemical, mechanical or sacramental purposes, and in either case to parties personally known to the druggist or upon a physician's prescription. Those signing the pledge embrace nearly all the prominent druggists in the city.

At the prayer meeting this afternoon a committee was appointed to call on the General Assembly relative to the movement. It is reported that they had an interview with several legislators, and were told that before any special privileges to hold service in the State House could be granted they must know just what services would be held.

Col. W. H. Free, of New Lexington, who has recently become converted to temperance, made a rousing speech, attracting general attention. He admitted that he had been a drunkard for the past six years, and had twice been attacked with delirium tremens, but all previous efforts had conquered the vice. He was now living a sober life, doing what he could to save others.

Jacobs, proprietor of a wine room, to show his contempt for the crusaders, placed a brilliant headlight in the second story of his building on Town street.

Boston.

BOSTON, March 4.—The Massachusetts Total Abstinence Society to-day adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That inasmuch as women and children are the chief sufferers of the untold evils of intemperance, it is eminently appropriate that the female sex should take the most active part in the efforts of the day for suppressing immorality, and we look with deep interest on the woman's movement in regard to temperance reform, and cherish the hope that a Divine Providence will direct and overrule it for permanent good.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board no great success in temperance reform can be expected unless the Christian Church and ministry take a decided stand on total abstinence.

Dayton.

DAYTON, OHIO, March 4.—The women did not take a wreck at whisky to-day. They were busy perfecting details. Having visited one hundred and eight saloons by a committee without encouragement, they are not likely to make a general aggressive street movement this week. The excitement is increasing. The liquor dealers' association to-day resolved to resist at every point, mutually supporting each other. One of the ablest law firms in Dayton has been retained to help them. They will enjoin, arrest and prosecute wherever they can and make points. A large expense fund has been subscribed. Dayton will be interesting when the war opens earnestly.

THE INDIANS.

Extracts from Letters from the Agent at Red Cloud Agency.

OMAHA, March 4.—Major General Ord furnishes the following extracts from a letter from Agent Saville to Colonel Smith, at Fort Laramie:

There have been no disturbances since my last dispatch. Many Indians have left, some with the unconcealed intention of joining a war party. Affairs are complicated among them. Troops are needed to protect the agency. Crazy Horse is on the war path. The Cheyennes seem determined to keep the peace. Now is the time for troops to reach the agency, but I would respectfully suggest not to depend on too small a force. Two thousand Indians could be concentrated here in a short time. A regiment, once inside the stockade, could defend it against any force they could raise, but the difficulty is to get there. The Indians have sentinels all over the country, and keep a line along the hills of the Platte, so that a force starting from the fort would be preceded by Indians. I think if the troops were to start at sundown and ride through without delay we could hold the agency till they arrive. The Indians can be taken by surprise now, but two weeks later they will surprise us. We will stand on the defensive till you arrive. I would suggest that you do not start until my messenger arrives, as, unless we are fully prepared, we would probably all be killed before you could get here. Troops here means war, though a large part of the Indians now here will accept the situation when they once get here.

Mr Dear, a trader at the Red Cloud Agency, ran the gauntlet on Monday night, a drive of thirty miles, arriving at Fort Laramie yesterday morning. He was assisted in his escape by two friendly Indians. He confirms Agent Saville's report, and states that Minneconjous and Brules war parties are at Hot river, twenty-five miles north of the agency. The troops which left Fort Laramie on Monday will reach the agency this evening or to morrow morning, and will relieve the employes. There seems to be no question but that there will be war, but the Indians think that it can be restrained from the settlements that no fear whatever is entertained that they will be troubled.

WAVERLY, N. Y.

Strike of the Employes of the Lehigh Valley R. R.

WAVERLY, N. Y., March 4.—All the employes of the Lehigh Valley Railroad at this end of the route, except the engineers, struck this morning. About two hundred and fifty men are out at this point, where the movement was initiated, and they have thus far captured all trains that have reached the junction of the Erie and Lehigh Valley Railroads. They switched a car, set the brakes and removed the brake wheels. Every thing was done quietly and in the most orderly manner. Early in the morning the hotels and saloons were notified by the leaders to sell no liquor to any engaged in the strike, which request is scrupulously observed. At their headquarters at the Junction they fly the stars and stripes, which, with an immense breastmark of cars, makes the place resemble a fortification. The mails have not been detained. The movement, originating here, is extending down the road, and it is reported that it will reach the entire length of the road to morrow morning. The strike is for more wages, the strikers claiming that the reduction of their wages last December was submitted to under a promise that as soon as business revived in the spring their wages should be restored again. This they claim the company refuses to do.

The Surest! the Safest! the Most Convenient! the only Reliable Fire Kindler in the world. For sale at the Grocery Stores, Central Trading Co., 116 Second avenue, sole manufacturers.

SPRINGFIELD.

Fortieth Parallel Railway Convention.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., March 4.—A Convention of delegates from the States and Territories along the 40th parallel of latitude met here today to consider the subject of a national railway along that parallel. Delegates were present from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and the Territory of Colorado.

The following committee on resolutions was appointed: Col. M. Pegget, of Illinois; G. W. Duggan, Indiana; G. W. Black, Illinois; H. W. Wheelock, Illinois; T. W. Keazer, Indiana; Alex. Starr, E. M. D. Massie, Illinois; and J. H. Glenn Missouri.

Governor Beveridge, of Illinois, was invited to address the Convention, and made a brief speech, expressing hearty sympathy with its general objects.

A permanent organization was effected by the election of ex-Governor Palmer, of Illinois, as President, and a number of Vice Presidents and Secretaries.

Ex-Governor Palmer, on taking the chair, thanked the Convention for the honor, and spoke briefly of the difficulty of settling on the best plan for cheap transportation. He thought there was no royal road to the solution of this question, which he thought not simply a State or National, but a continental question.

Col. T. J. Carter, of Illinois, next addressed the Convention. He briefly sketched the design of the Convention, and compared the cost of water and railroad transportation. The average cost per ton per mile by rail is one cent, by river three quarters of a cent, by canal one half a cent, by lakes one quarter, and on the ocean one eighth of a cent. A belt of country along the line of the fortieth parallel has none of the benefits of water transportation. The design is to get up a State organization and secure a charter from the National Government for a railroad from the seacoast to the base of the Rocky Mountains.

Speeches were also made by K. K. Jones, of Illinois, and A. F. Coffin, of Indiana, showing the necessity for a railroad such as is contemplated by this movement, and the advantages which the proposed route along the fortieth parallel would have among them, also that it would pass near the capitals of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois, and through the richest agricultural portion of the country.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted a long series of resolutions. The preamble declares the undoubted constitutional power of Congress to regulate inter-State commerce, and that its right to charter corporations necessary to carry into effect any powers of the National Government has been settled by decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, and recites the imperative necessity of increased transportation facilities between the West and seaboard and cheaper tariff freight rates, not subject to daily changes under the effects of competition.

The preamble further recites the fact that now various bills are before Congress asking charters for roads from the seabord to the West, and asking Government aid in their construction, and as the line along the 40 h parallel is, in the opinion of the Convention, the most just and equitable location for such a railway, therefore,

Resolved, That the right of transit over any part of the territory of the United States by post routes, railways or canals, as avenues of commerce, belongs to the United States Government, and under all proper circumstances and necessities it should exercise that right by building such roads or canals, or granting charters with such fixed maximum rates and restrictions as may be deemed necessary, to subordinate corporations for that purpose, with such liberal and judicious legislation as may be proper and necessary to secure the early completion of a great national line of railway and promote the best interest of the public.

Resolved, That a liberal commercial spirit should prevail between the different States of the Union in granting reciprocal rights of way across their respective territories, and such further legislation as may be required in the construction of a national line of railway from the Atlantic seaboard certral through the Western States and Territories.

Resolved, That ju-tice to the great producing States of the Mississippi valley and the best interests of the commercial world demand that United States Government should grant such liberal legislation as may be needful to secure the early and speedy construction of this great national railway, with two or more tracks, on or near the fortieth parallel of latitude from the fortieth latitude from the Atlantic seaboard through the Western States, with diverging lines at proper points to the cities of Cincinnati, St. Louis, Toledo, Chicago and Milwaukee, and to the principal commercial cities in the East on the Atlantic seaboard.

Resolved, That this Convention is fully satisfied of the feasibility and actual necessity of a great national railway on the fortieth parallel of latitude, and with as easy grades as practicable, on or near the fortieth parallel of north latitude from the Atlantic seaboard through the great States of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, thence crossing the Mississippi river at the city of Quincy, Ill., the most western point on the east bank of that river, for its whole length, and thence westward to Denver City, on the Rocky Mountains at the city of Denver, Col. We feel that the people will most heartily greet its early completion as a great national blessing, which will afford them ample and cheap means of transportation for their products as well as correct existing evils by giving the country a truly national system of railroads.

Resolved, That an executive committee of fifty be appointed by this Convention, with full power and instructions to prepare a suitable charter to be laid before Congress, embodying the views of this Convention, and to secure the necessary legislation to aid in the early completion of the great enterprise. Said committee is hereby fully empowered and authorized to add to their number to fill vacancies appointed, and all sub committees that may be necessary.

The resolutions were adopted.

At the evening session a committee appointed to nominate an Executive Committee reported the following names: Geo. W. Burns, Col A. B. Haddam, of Kansas; W. H. Collins, Kansas; J. H. Glenn, Missouri; Isaac H. Bowen, Missouri; John K. Sanderver, James Woodruff, K. K. Jones, M. Piggets, R. J. Turner, J. G. Rowland, M. P. Ayer, J. O. King, Jno. T. Alexander, A. Starnel, J. Carter J. W. Bunn, Ezra Marquies, Illinois; Stephen Hurlbut, Col. Sheldon, Illinois; L. W. Kelly, A. Stone, W. R. Hongh, Geo. Duncan, A. L. Roach, Thomas M. Brown, Joshua Mellet, Chas. Morgan, Knightstown, Indiana; Jno. G. Mitchell, James G. Knight, Alex. Starr, E. M. D. Massie, Chas. Hunt, H. Sullivan, and R. R. Cowan, Ohio. The report was concurred in and the Executive Committee empowered to add to their own number until their full number is made up.

Ex-Governor Palmer then addressed the Convention on the railway question in general, after which the Convention adjourned *sine die*. Subsequently the Executive Committee met and briefly consulted as to future action.

THE RIVERS.

CINCINNATI, March 4.—River 27 feet and falling. Departed—Charmer, Evansville; Esperanza, St. Louis; John Kilgour, New Orleans. The Thompson Dean lies over two or three days for repairs to her machinery.

ST. LOUIS March 4.—Arrived—Davenport and Johnson, Keokuk; Crescent City, New Orleans; Wild Duck, Pittsburgh; Lancaster, Grafton; Grand Pass, Illinois river; Joe Kinney, Cairo; Dispatch, Memphis; Mary Morse, Vicksburg; Colossal, Keokuk; Mohawk Belle, Illinois river; Commonwealth, New Orleans; Grand Tower, Memphis. River stationary. Clear and pleasant.

LOUISVILLE, March 4.—River still falling, with 11 feet 2 inches in canal and 9 feet 2 inches in Indian chute at 6 P. M. Arrived—Minnesota, Cincinnati; Ben Franklin, Memphis; Stella, N. J. Bigley and John Gilmore, with tows, Pittsburgh. Departed—Minnesota, Memphis; Franklin, Cincinnati; Mary Houston, New Orleans; Stella and Bigley, Pittsburgh; Gilmore, St. Louis. Cloudy and quite cool.

EVANSVILLE, March 4.—Cloudy; cooler after a heavy rain and wind last night; river falling; 30 feet 10 inch 48. River fallen 2 feet. Down—Mary Davage, 8 A. M.; Comet, 11; Arkansas Belle, 4.30 P. M.; Red Cloud, 5; Grey Eagle, 7 Up—Fayette, Falls Pilot and George Roberts, 9 A. M. Business active.

CAIRO, March 4.—Arrived—Glencoe, New Orleans, 1 P M; Louisville, New Orleans, 4; Quickstep, Evansville, 5. Departed—Belle of Memphis, 86, Louis, 1 P M; Robinson, New Orleans, 2; Glencoe, 3; Arkansas, 3; H. Quickstep, Evansville, 7; Louisville, Cincinnati, 8. River risen 8 inches. Clear; mercury 46.

NASHVILLE, March 4.—River on a stand; seventeen feet four inches on shoals. Cloudy and pleasant. Arrived—Lizzie Bell, Florence; Upper Cumberland. Departed—Burkesville, for Paducah.

MEMPHIS, March 4.—Clear and pleasant. River stationary. Arrived—Mande, New Orleans; Departed—John Kyle and Robert Mitchell New Orleans. The Parker, for Cincinnati, lays over till to morrow.

LITTLE ROCK, March 4.—Clear and pleasant. River rising; 14 feet 3 inches by the gauge. Arrived—Hallie, above. Departed—Clarksville, Memphis.

NEW ORLEANS, March 4.—Arrived—City of Alton, St. Louis; Indiana, Cincinnati; Belle Lee, Memphis. Departed—James Howard, St. Louis. Cloudy and warm.

VICKSBURG, March 4.—Up—Katie and Babbage and barges. Down—H. C. Yeager. Cloudy and warm. River rising.

HOPEDALE, O.

Railroad Enterprise—Public Rejoicings. Work Commenced on the "Eastern Division."

Special to the Gazette.

HOPEDALE, OHIO, March 4.

Work has been commenced on the eastern division of the W. & L. E. Railroad. The occasion was celebrated by the citizens of this town by a public meeting, which was of a jubilant character, and at which a number of speeches were made. These were interspersed with music by the Hopedale Cornet Band, which gave some choice selections, and added not a little to the enthusiasm. The event is looked upon as having an important bearing upon our future prosperity.

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THE taxes of Dunbar are greater than any other district in Fayette county, amounting to $8,693.11; next largest, Luzerne township, $5,400.10; next, Tyrone, $3,068.72; German, $2,664.33; George, $3,007.51; Union borough, $2,882.76; North Union, $2,791.88; Franklin, $2,379.78; Jefferson, $2,149.28; Perry, $2,137.85; Nicholson, $2,027.73. All the rest above $2,000. The lowest in the county is Dawson borough, being $279.33; Brownsville township, 294.78; New Haven borough, $380.70; Henry Clay, $508.02; Stewart, $527.73; Fayette City, $528.79; Saltlick, $599.43; Bellevernon, $641.07, Springfield $777.73; Warton, $916 40; Bridgeport, $987.55; Washington, $1,077 50; Connellsville borough, $1,315 07; Connellsville township, $1,490,29; Brownsville borough, $1,555.58; South Union, $1,583.46; Bullskin, $1,811.66; Spring Hill, $1,930.81; Redstone, $1,944 62; Menallen, $1,955.56.

Night Scenes in a Great Metropolis.

Eisquie, Vanilla, Strawberry and Chocolate Ice Cream, Frozen Custard, and Lemon Water Ice, this evening, at Jacob B. HUBLEY & Co's., Library Building, 195 Penn avenue.

HOME NEWS.

John B. Gough at Library Hall.

Breakfast, Dinner and Supper, to order, with the delicacies of the season. Oysters in every style, at HUBLEY'S, 195 Penn avenue.

Letters Held for Postage March 4.

Miss Mary A. Bauman, McKeesport, Pa., 1c; Garrison, Fuller & Co., Brookville, Pa., 3c; J. Kodda, Irwins Station, Pa., 1c; S. C. O'Keefe, Rochester, N. Y., 2c; Robinson & Pratt, Philadelphia, Pa., 3c.

Woman Suffrage.

Miss Jane O. De Forest will address the Woman Suffrage Association on Friday evening, March 5th at 7½ o'clock in the Temperance Alliance Rooms, corner Penn and Sixth streets. Subject—"The Morning Dawns." Admission 25 cents.

Accident to a Pensioner.

The inconvenience of the location of the pension office is made more apparent each time that the poor pensioners come to collect their little stipends, as they fall due. On Yesterday an elderly lady met with a serious accident in ascending the third flight of the Custom House stairs. She slipped on one of the steps, and fell to the bottom, striking on her head and receiving a very ugly gash, which rendered her insensible. She was picked up and carried into clerk McCandless' office and properly cared for, and afterwards removed to her home.

Another One Caught.

Our readers will remember that the police of Allegheny broke up and captured some half dozen members of a gang of thieves, employes of the P., F. W. & C. R. R., who had robbed the cars of that road of several thousand dollars' worth of goods. Since that time several other employes of the road, who were suspected of having been connected with the gang, had been carefully watched. Yesterday one of them, a fireman, named Charles Sippy, was arrested by Captain Wilson and Officer Scott at his home in New Castle, and brought to Allegheny City and locked up. He will have a hearing to-day.

"Ramsey's Retreat."

As the great clock in Municipal Hall tolled the hour of midnight last night, two stragglers dropped into Capt. Ramsey's retreat, in the Diamond, to seek shelter for the night. Their mien betokened weariness, but withal they carried with them a beaming countenance and a pleasant smile. They had huge bundles with them, which contained their worldly wealth, perhaps. The smallest, a short, thick-set chap, asked to stay all night. The Captain told them they could share his hospitality—the soft side of a plank. "Where are you from?" queried the reporter. "From Cyrone," replied the young men. "Did you walk?" "No, sir; shtole a ride." During the short time—some fifteen minutes) that our reporter stayed at the lock-up last night, six homeless ones came in and were granted shelter for the night.

HARD ON BROTHER CRANAGE.

What the "Presbyterian Banner" has to Say About Him.

The *Presbyterian Banner* of this week, contains the following flattering allusion to Rev. G. Wash. Cranage. "We hope that the silly abuse heaped upon the press at the Women's Crusade meeting held by Rev. Dr. Hall's church last week, by Rev. George W. Cranage, will not be considered as the sentiment of the great body of the temperance people of this city and county. Every great movement is afflicted with such persons as Mr. C., whose sayings and doings must not be attributed to the real leaders and workers. None were so much grieved by this diatribe as the *real* temperance men and women. In this connection, a gentlemen should be allowed to have just as little prominence as possible in all good enterprises; their zeal is altogether in advance of their discretion, and their influence is in the wrong direction."

COLLECTING TAXES.

The Bill Before the Legislature—A Negative Recommendation from This County.

As was noted in our telegraphic columns, a bill, to regulate the collection of taxes, has been before the Legislature, and is now on its second reading. With a view of getting some additional light on the subject, Representative Christy has sent to each county Controller and Treasurer for examination. These gentlemen have examined the precious document, and have discovered, among other objectionable features, that it is impracticable, because it requires the duplicates to be made out by April 1st, when it is the hardest kind of work that the people will most heartily greet its early completion as a great national blessing, which will afford them ample and cheap means of transportation for their products as well as correct existing evils by giving the country a truly national system of railroads.

Resolved, That an executive committee of fifty be appointed by this Convention, with full power and instructions to prepare a suitable charter to be laid before Congress, embodying the views of this Convention, and to secure the necessary legislation to aid in the early completion of the great enterprise. Said committee is hereby fully empowered and authorized to add to their number to fill vacancies appointed, and all sub committees that may be necessary.

The resolutions were adopted.

At the evening session a committee appointed to nominate an Executive Committee reported the following names: Geo. W. Burns, Col A. B. Haddam, of Kansas; W. H. Collins, Kansas; J. H. Glenn, Missouri; Isaac H. Bowen, Missouri; John K. Sanderver, James Woodruff, K. K. Jones, M. Piggets, R. J. Turner, J. G. Rowland, M. P. Ayer, J. O. King, Jno. T. Alexander, A. Starnel, J. Carter J. W. Bunn, Ezra Marquies, Illinois; Stephen Hurlbut, Col. Sheldon, Illinois; L. W. Kelly, A. Stone, W. R. Hongh, Geo. Duncan, A. L. Roach, Thomas M. Brown, Joshua Mellet, Chas. Morgan, Knightstown, Indiana; Jno. G. Mitchell, James G. Knight, Alex. Starr, E. M. D. Massie, Chas. Hunt, H. Sullivan, and R. R. Cowan, Ohio. The report was concurred in and the Executive Committee empowered to add to their own number until their full number is made up.

Ex-Governor Palmer then addressed the Convention on the railway question in general, after which the Convention adjourned *sine die*. Subsequently the Executive Committee met and briefly consulted as to future action.

THE RIVERS.

CINCINNATI, March 4.—River 27 feet and falling. Departed—Charmer, Evansville; Esperanza, St. Louis; John Kilgour, New Orleans. The Thompson Dean lies over two or three days for repairs to her machinery.

ST. LOUIS March 4.—Arrived—Davenport and Johnson, Keokuk; Crescent City, New Orleans; Wild Duck, Pittsburgh; Lancaster, Grafton; Grand Pass, Illinois river; Joe Kinney, Cairo; Dispatch, Memphis; Mary Morse, Vicksburg; Colossal, Keokuk; Mohawk Belle, Illinois river; Commonwealth, New Orleans; Grand Tower, Memphis. River stationary. Clear and pleasant.

LOUISVILLE, March 4.—River still falling, with 11 feet 2 inches in canal and 9 feet 2 inches in Indian chute at 6 P. M. Arrived—Minnesota, Cincinnati; Ben Franklin, Memphis; Stella, N. J. Bigley and John Gilmore, with tows, Pittsburgh. Departed—Minnesota, Memphis; Franklin, Cincinnati; Mary Houston, New Orleans; Stella and Bigley, Pittsburgh; Gilmore, St. Louis. Cloudy and quite cool.

EVANSVILLE, March 4.—Cloudy; cooler after a heavy rain and river rising last night; river falling; 30 feet 10 inch 48. River fallen 2 feet. Down—Mary Davage, 8 A. M.; Comet, 11; Arkansas Belle, 4.30 P. M.; Red Cloud, 5; Grey Eagle, 7 Up—Fayette, Falls Pilot and George Roberts, 9 A. M. Business active.

CAIRO, March 4.—Arrived—Glencoe, New Orleans, 1 P M; Louisville, New Orleans, 4; Quickstep, Evansville, 5. Departed—Belle of Memphis, 86, Louis, 1 P M; Robinson, New Orleans, 2; Glencoe, 3; Arkansas, 3; H. Quickstep, Evansville, 7; Louisville, Cincinnati, 8. River risen 8 inches. Clear; mercury 46.

NASHVILLE, March 4.—River on a stand; seventeen feet four inches on shoals. Cloudy and pleasant. Arrived—Lizzie Bell, Florence; Upper Cumberland. Departed—Burkesville, for Paducah.

MEMPHIS, March 4.—Clear and pleasant. River stationary. Arrived—Mande, New Orleans; Departed—John Kyle and Robert Mitchell New Orleans. The Parker, for Cincinnati, lays over till to morrow.

LITTLE ROCK, March 4.—Clear and pleasant. River rising; 14 feet 3 inches by the gauge. Arrived—Hallie, above. Departed—Clarksville, Memphis.

NEW ORLEANS, March 4.—Arrived—City of Alton, St. Louis; Indiana, Cincinnati; Belle Lee, Memphis. Departed—James Howard, St. Louis. Cloudy and warm.

VICKSBURG, March 4.—Up—Katie and Babbage and barges. Down—H. C. Yeager. Cloudy and warm. River rising.

HOPEDALE, O.

Railroad Enterprise—Public Rejoicings. Work Commenced on the "Eastern Division."

Special to the Gazette.

HOPEDALE, OHIO, March 4.

Work has been commenced on the eastern division of the W. & L. E. Railroad. The occasion was celebrated by the citizens of this town by a public meeting, which was of a jubilant character, and at which a number of speeches were made. These were interspersed with music by the Hopedale Cornet Band, which gave some choice selections, and added not a little to the enthusiasm. The event is looked upon as having an important bearing upon our future prosperity.

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THE taxes of Dunbar are greater than any other district in Fayette county, amounting to $8,693.11; next largest, Luzerne township, $5,400.10; next, Tyrone, $3,068.72; German, $2,664.33; George, $3,007.51; Union borough, $2,882.76; North Union, $2,791.88; Franklin, $2,379.78; Jefferson, $2,149.28; Perry, $2,137.85; Nicholson, $2,027.73. All the rest above $2,000. The lowest in the county is Dawson borough, being $279.33; Brownsville township, 294.78; New Haven borough, $380.70; Henry Clay, $508.02; Stewart, $527.73; Fayette City, $528.79; Saltlick, $599.43; Bellevernon, $641.07, Springfield $777.73; Warton, $916 40; Bridgeport, $987.55; Washington, $1,077 50; Connellsville borough, $1,315 07; Connellsville township, $1,490,29; Brownsville borough, $1,555.58; South Union, $1,583.46; Bullskin, $1,811.66; Spring Hill, $1,930.81; Redstone, $1,944 62; Menallen, $1,955.56.

Night Scenes in a Great Metropolis.

Eisquie, Vanilla, Strawberry and Chocolate Ice Cream, Frozen Custard, and Lemon Water Ice, this evening, at Jacob B. HUBLEY & Co's., Library Building, 195 Penn avenue.

The Surest! the Safest! the Most Convenient! the only Reliable Fire Kindler in the world. For sale at the Grocery Stores, Central Trading Co., 116 Second avenue, sole manufacturers.

THE COURTS.

WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Criminal Court.

[Before Judge Collier.]

Shortly after Court opened, the counsel in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Jacob Van Ullem, charged by Rachel De Hahn with seduction upon promise of marriage engaged in consultation, and the defendant agreeing to marry the girl, a *nolle prosequi* was allowed by the Court, on payment of cost by him. The